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CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Allegany County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan guides the future use of funds made available to the citizens of the County by the State of Maryland and the Federal government for the preservation of the open space and provision of recreational opportunities. By enumerating the goals, plans and policies guiding the use of those funds, the County ensures that it makes successful investments in the population's quality of life. The Plan is scheduled to be adopted by the County Commissioners on or before July 1, 2022.

Allegany County employs strong public/private partnerships with various civic groups and local sponsors to operate and maintain its parks. The seven municipalities within the County own and manage recreation facilities within their boundaries. Although the County has met the State of Maryland's goal of having 30 acres of public recreation land per 1,000 persons, it should continue to the acquisition of property for park development in various small communities that are underserved.



The County continues to develop the Allegany County Fairgrounds, a regional recreation area, to serve citizens of the Tri-State area. Numerous annual events and recreational opportunities are provided by the Fairgrounds. Open Space funding continues to be one of the major funding sources for the County to update and expand recreational areas within Allegany County.

Together, State, Federal and locally owned parklands occupy almost a third of the County's land area, amounting to an acre of parkland per County resident. Allegany County has the 12th largest land mass in Maryland, and is ranked 16th in population, but has the second largest area owned by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Understandably, protecting Open Space in Allegany County has not garnered the sense of urgency as it has in communities elsewhere in the State. The County does, however, encourage the acquisition of properties adjacent to public lands, or properties situated in enclaves of public property, particularly when those areas contain steep slopes or habitats for endangered species. The County participates in and encourages Agricultural Land Preservation and the Rural Legacy Conservation programs sponsored by the State of Maryland. Explicit protection of agricultural land use, known as the "right-to-farm" policy, is written into the County Zoning Code.

Transportation systems, mining, and industry are sources of Allegany County's urban development. However, due to the limitation imposed by the County's topography and soil conditions, the County does not have as rich of an agricultural heritage as neighboring Garrett County.



Figure 3 Dans Mountain Recycled Tire Playground and Pool

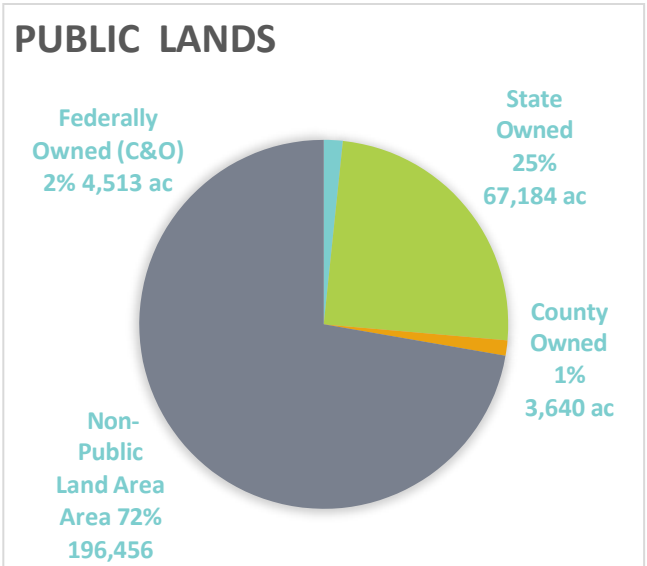


Figure 2 Public Parklands

GENERAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Allegany County lies in Western Maryland, and is bounded on the west by Garrett County, Maryland; on the east by Washington County, Maryland; on the north by Somerset, Bedford, and Fulton Counties, Pennsylvania; and on the south by Mineral, Hampshire, and Morgan Counties, West Virginia.

The County's boundaries are the Chisholm line on the west, the Mason Dixon line on the north, Sideling Hill Creek on the east, and the Potomac River on the south. The County is about 40 miles long from east to west and varies from 5-to 20 miles wide from north to south, comprising an area of 426 square miles or 271,793 acres.

Allegany County lies in the Appalachian Mountains, partly in the Ridge and Valley Physiographic Province, and partly in the Allegheny Mountains Physiographic Province. The County lies entirely within the Potomac River Basin and the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

The County is approximately 120 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, PA; 140 miles northwest of Baltimore, MD, and Washington, D.C.; and 320 miles southwest of New York City.



POPULATION & DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

As a result of decreased employment in the mining and transportation industries, Allegany County experienced a decline in population starting in the 1950s. The population stabilized through the 1970s due to increased employment in manufacturing. However, by the mid-1980s nearly all the large-scale factories in the County were closed or operating with a reduced workforce because of new technologies, lower production costs, and a higher demand for service-oriented jobs. Today, Allegany County’s population shows signs of stabilization and is even projected to begin increasing in the decades to come. This increase can be attributed to a revitalized transportation network, increased demand for energy-related jobs, and a focus on retaining and expanding employment in the Health and Social Services industries where the County excels.

POPULATION OVERVIEW

The first decade in the County’s history for which population loss was recorded was the 1950s. This loss was a result of serious economic difficulties throughout the Appalachian Region, which lost 1.5 million people between 1950 and 1960. As illustrated in Figure 4 Population by Decade (1950-2020), population loss due to economic difficulties and shifts in population continued throughout the subsequent decades until the population stabilized in 2000 and then slightly decreased in 2020. Figure 5 depicts the projected population of Allegany County until 2040.

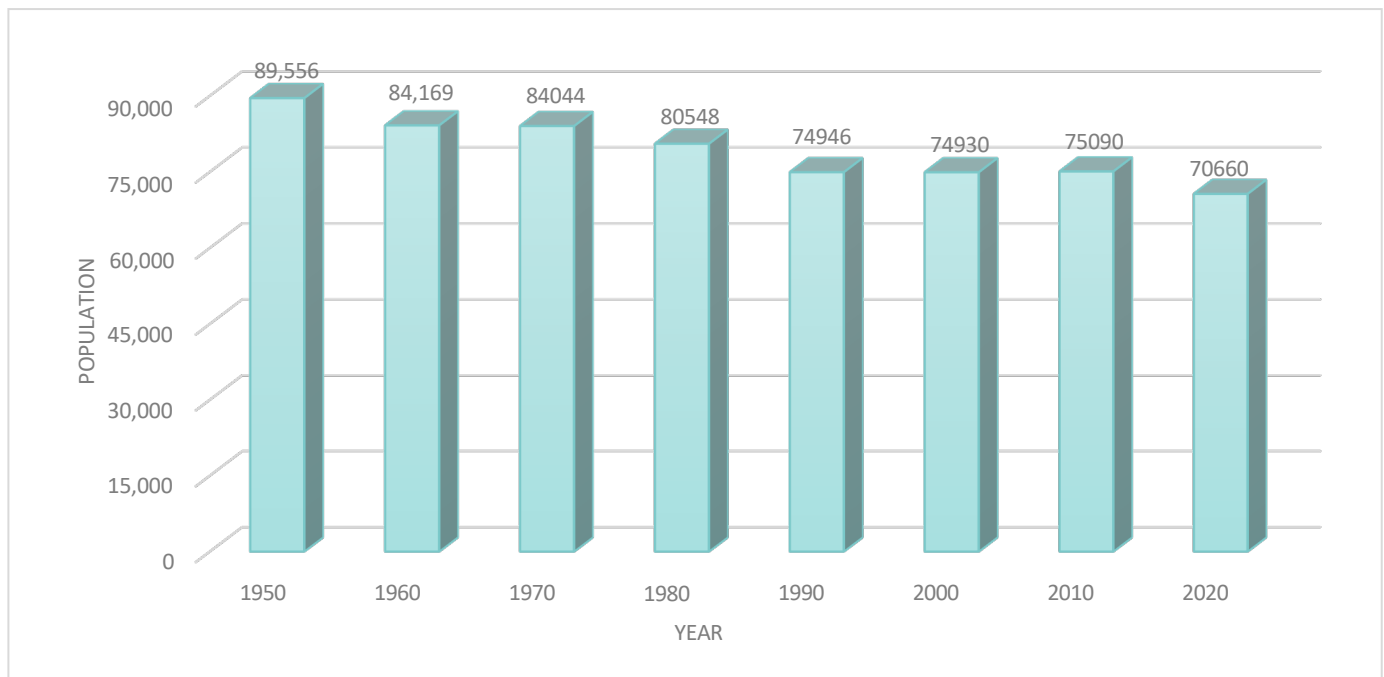


Figure 4 Population by Decade (1950-2020) Source: Maryland Department of Planning

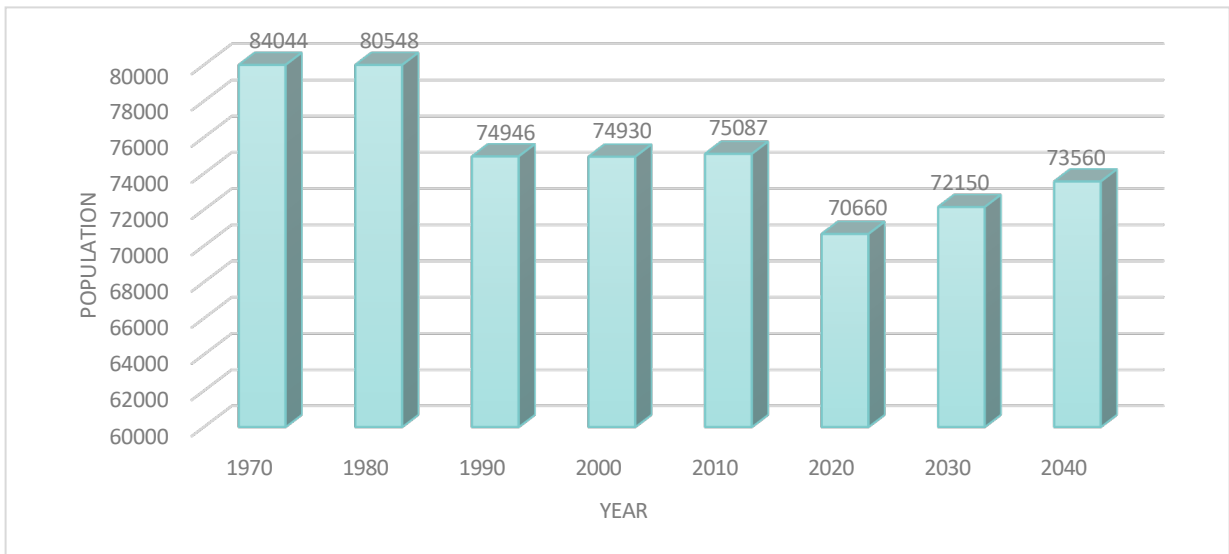


Figure 5 Total Population Projection Source: Maryland Department of Planning

The rise in group quarters populations is a contributing factor to Allegany County’s population stabilization. Group quarters are places where people (typically unrelated) live or stay in group living arrangements which are owned or managed by an entity or organization. Group quarters include places such as college residence halls, residential treatment centers, skilled nursing facilities, group homes, military barracks, correctional facilities, and workers’ dormitories. Figure 6 below, depicts the growth in group quarters population from 1970-2020.

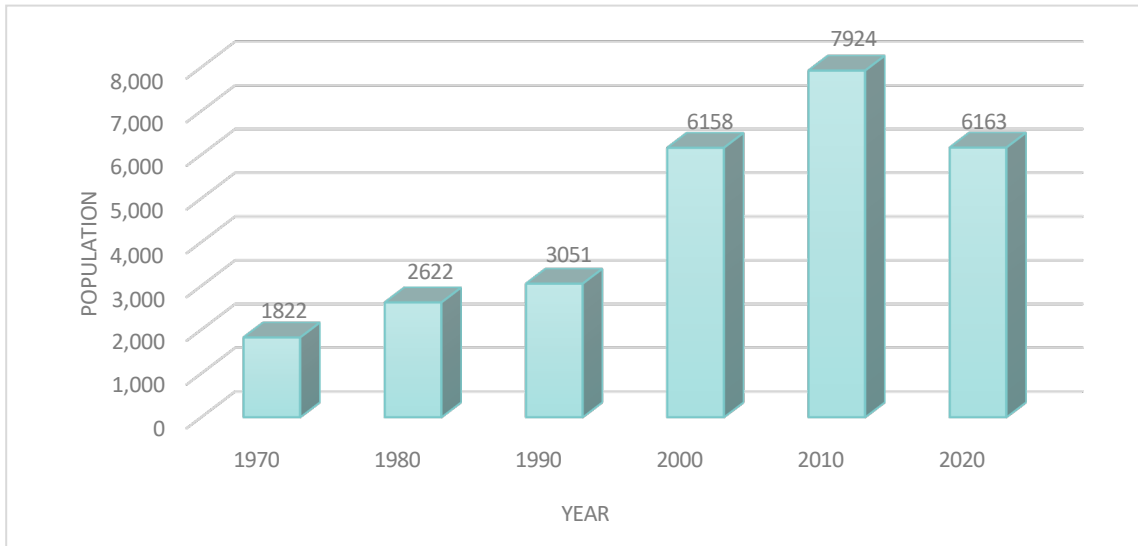


Figure 6 Group Quarters Population by Decade (1970-2020) Source: Maryland Department of Planning

POPULATION AND AGE

Table 1 Population Projections by Age Source: Maryland Department of Planning

Age Group	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020	2030	2040
0-4	4,567	4,426	3,757	3,496	2,798	3,190	3,098
5-19	19,098	15,101	14,310	13,230	11,830	10,919	11,727
20-44	25,615	25,368	25,817	24,760	22,556	23,927	24,531
45-64	18,879	16,368	17,617	20,200	18,691	18,691	17,195
65+	12,389	13,815	13,429	13,400	14,780	16,976	17,005
Total	80,548	74,946	74,930	75,090	70,655	72,150	73,556

Table 1 provides population projection data by age group. Overall, the population trend within Allegany County is positive. However, the various age groups differ from this trend. For example, age groups 0-4 and 5-19 are projected to decline over the next few decades. This may be a result of people having less children and families becoming smaller. On the other hand, the Baby Boomer generation (born from 1946 to 1964) is showing an increase only up until 2040, and then that generation's population is expected to decrease. Overall, the County's population is aging - a point, which is solidified by a decreasing youth population, and a middle-aged (20-44) population which is expected to increase. To further emphasize the County's aging population, Table 2 depicts the projected population of those aged 65 years or older as a percentage of the County's total population.

	Total Population	Population 65 Years or Older	Percent of Total Population that is 65 Years or Older
2010	75,090	13,400	17.8%
2020	75,655	14,780	20.9%
2030	72,150	16,976	23.5%
2040	73,556	17,005	23.2%

Table 2 Persons Aged 65 Years or Older as a Percentage of Total Population Source: Maryland Department of Planning

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

The following tables and graphs provide a demographic for Allegany County minorities, low-income population, and population with a disability. The purpose of analyzing these demographics are the following:

- To avoid, minimize, or mitigate disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects, including social and economic effects, on minority populations and low-income populations.
- To ensure the full and fair participation by all potentially affected communities
- To prevent the denial of, reduction in, or significant delay in the receipt of benefits by minority and low-income populations.

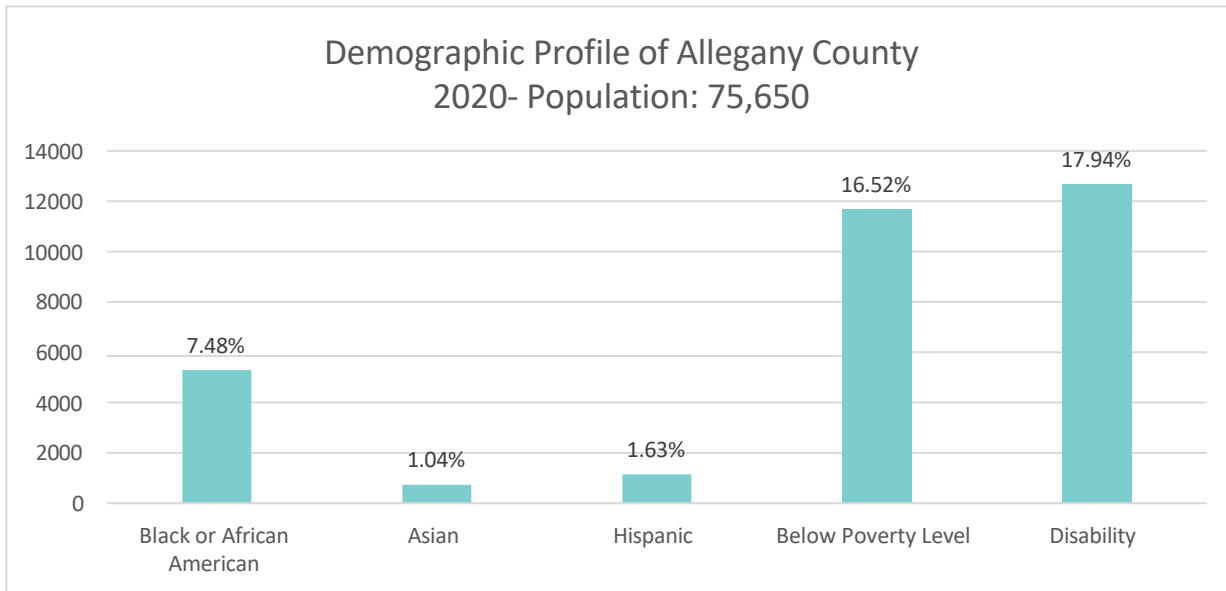


Figure 7 Demographic Profile of Allegany County (Source: American Community Survey (5-year) Estimates)

Figure 7 shows nearly a fifth of the population of Allegany County have a disability and or are below the poverty level. Please note the categories of race, disabilities, and income level are not mutually exclusive, a person may fall under more than one of these categories.

Allegany County’s minority population is centered in the urbanized areas of Cumberland and Frostburg, as shown in Map 3, but this is also a function of the population density in these areas.

Map 2 Minority Population Distribution (Source: American Community Survey (5-year) Estimates)

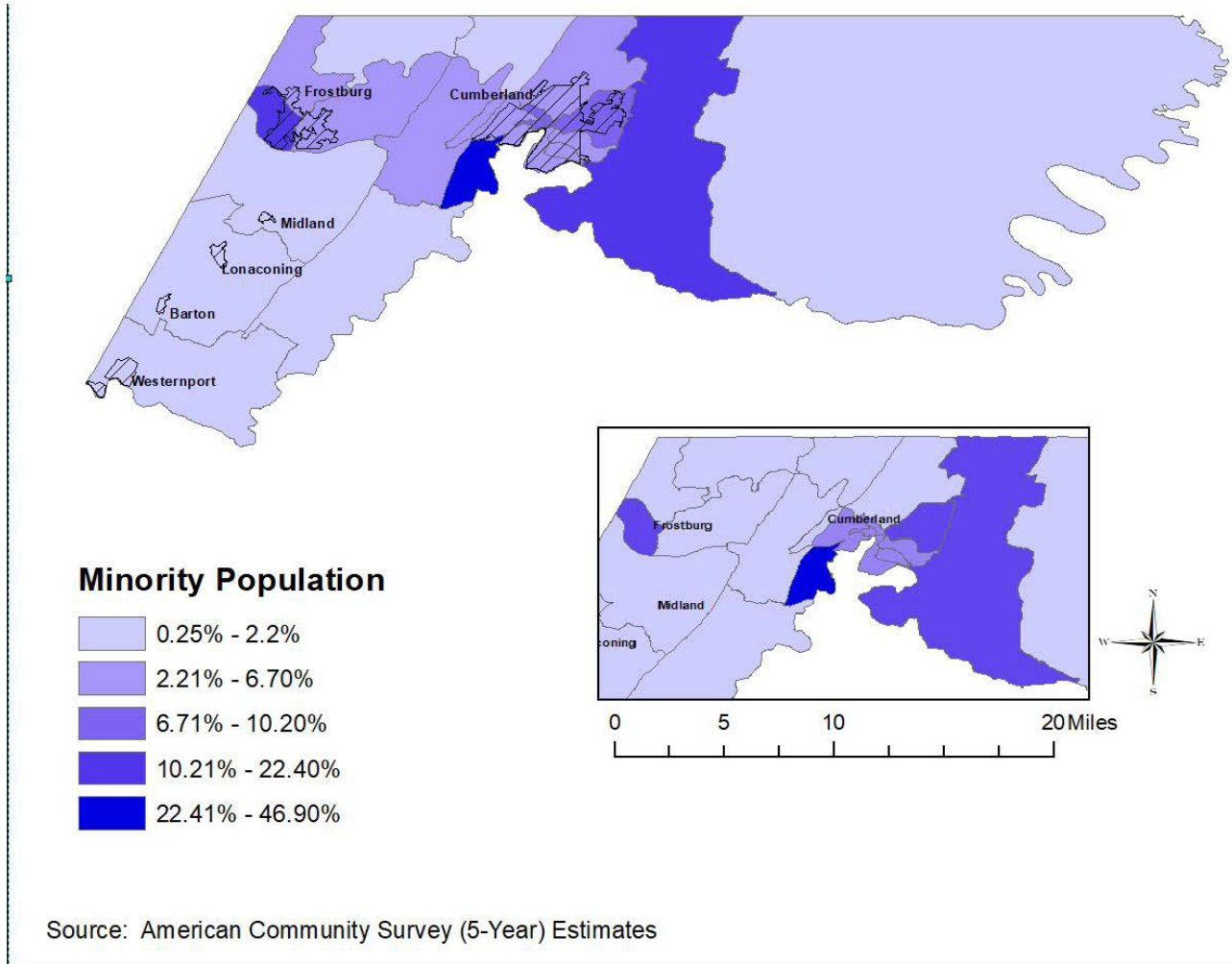
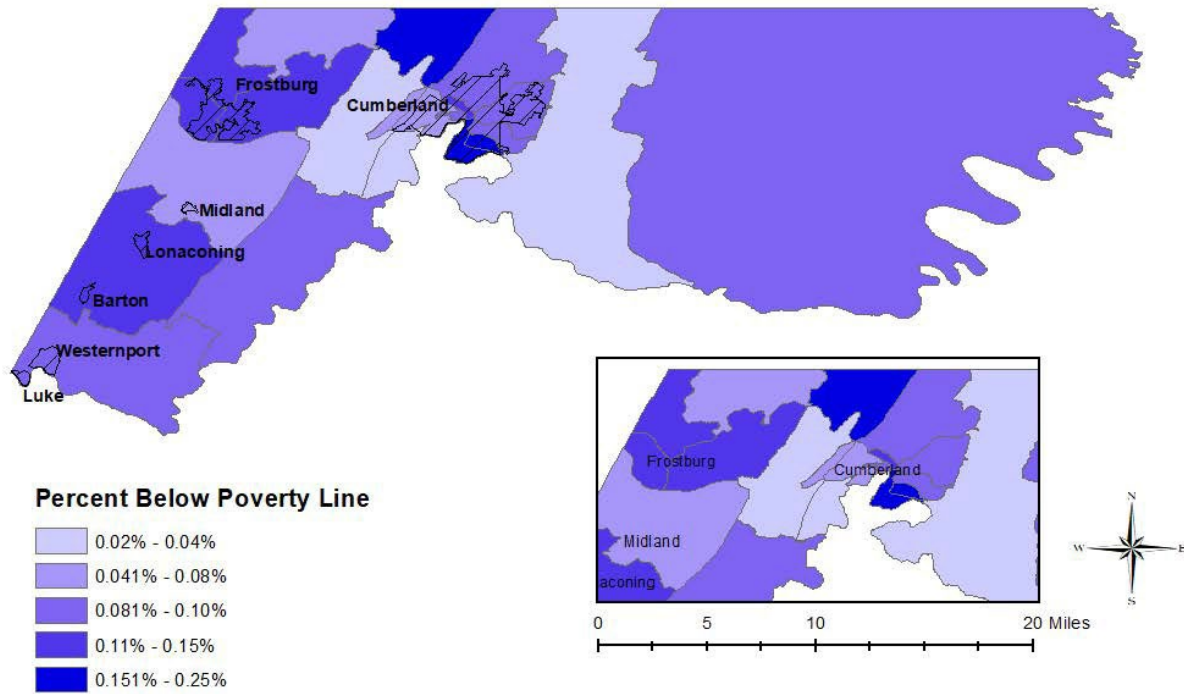


Table 3 Persons with a disability Source: American Community Survey (5-year) Estimates

Area	Total Population	Population with a Disability	% with a Disability
Allegany County, MD	70,655	12,678	17.94%

There is a significant population with a disability in Allegany County. In the future the County looks to encourage projects that are accessible and inclusive.



Source: American Community Survey

Map 3 Population Below Poverty in Allegany County (Source: American Community Survey (5-year) Estimates)

Map 4 depicts the high concentration of the population below poverty level in Cumberland, Frostburg, Luke, and Westernport.

INCOME

Table 6 includes estimates of the average annual income for Allegany County in 2020 by source of income as well as family income by numbers of workers within the family. Of the total households, the average income was estimated to be \$59,245. The second half of the table estimates average annual income by the number of workers in a family. It is not surprising that families with 3 or more workers had the highest average income (\$113,955), and families with no workers had the lowest average income (\$41,396).

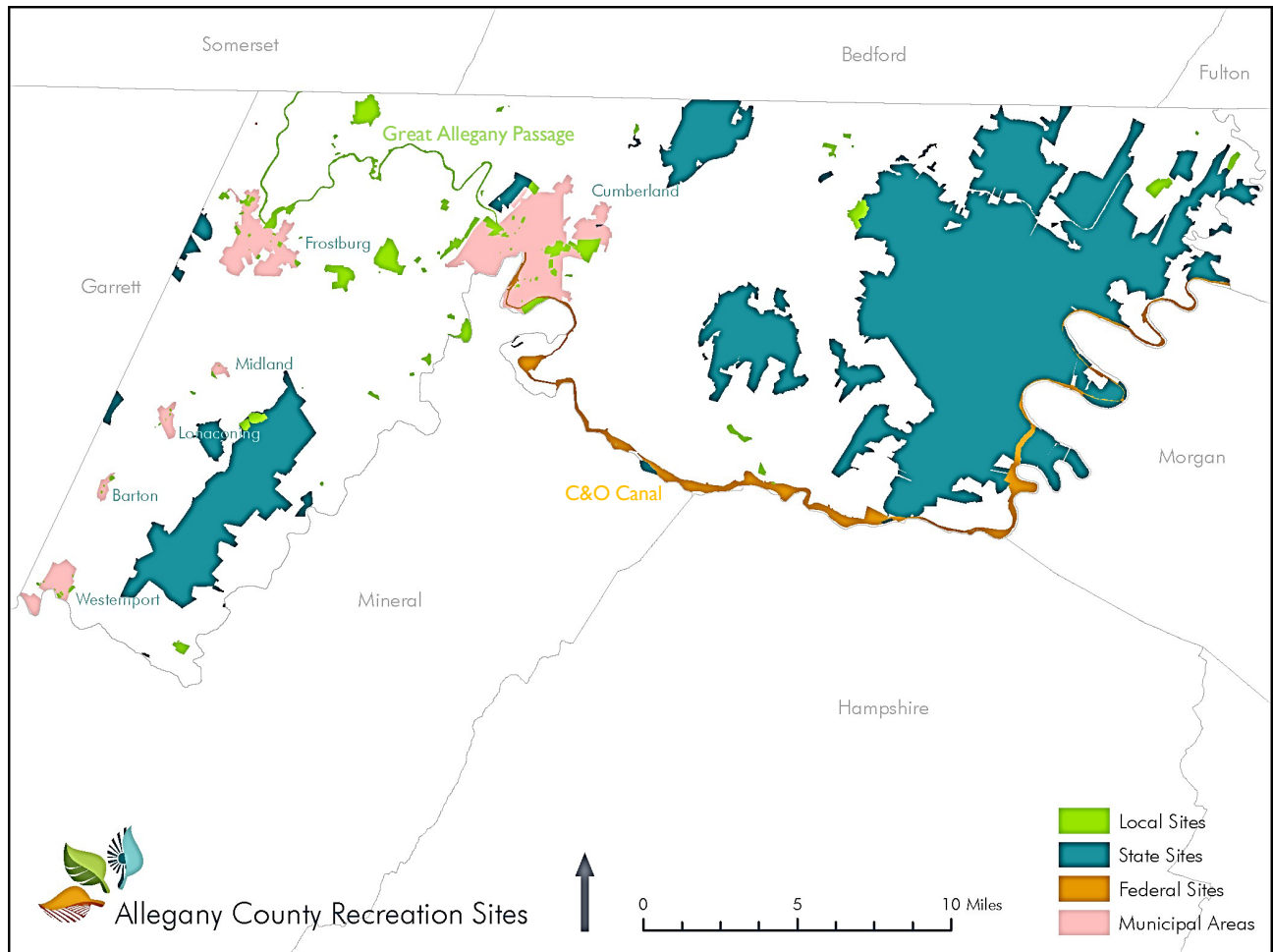
Table 4 Average Annual Income, 2020

	Total	Mean Income (dollars)*
Category	Estimate	Estimate
<i>Total Households</i>	27,399	59,245
With earnings	66.4%	62,861
With interest, dividends, or net rental income	18.6%	10,755
With social security income	40.7%	19,360
With supplemental security income	6.3%	9,177
With cash public assistance income	4.2%	2,161
With retirement income	25.2%	19,878
FAMILY INCOME BY NUMBER OF WORKERS IN FAMILY		
<i>Total Families</i>	16,584	72,567
No workers	21.8%	41,396
1 worker	32.9%	57,575
2 workers	28.4%	92,794
2 workers, other	7.2%	69,090
3 or more workers	8.2%	109,632
3 or more workers, other	1.5%	113,955

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

OVERVIEW OF PRESERVED LANDS AND RECREATIONAL PARK LANDS

Map 4 Recreational & Park Lands & Appendix A – Overview Map show the large parcels of state park and recreational lands in the eastern and western portions of Allegany County. This area also contains steep slopes which also warrant preservation. This map also depicts the cross-county trail system; which is comprised of the Great Allegany Passage (22 miles) and the C&O Canal Towpath (54 miles.) These nonmotorized trails continue beyond the County boundaries and span a traffic free greenway, totaling 330 miles, between Washington, DC and Boston, PA.



Map 4 Recreational & Park Lands



CHAPTER 2 PARKS AND RECREATION

OVERVIEW OF PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM

Allegany County does not have a Department of Parks and Recreation. But the County is blessed with several State-owned parks, the largest being Rocky Gap State Park and Dan's Mountain State Park and also seven municipalities that manage recreation within their jurisdictions and a number of Community based Civic Improvement and Athletic Associations.

Open Space funding has been the main funding source to improve recreational facilities within the County. Each March, the County Public Works-Engineering Division solicits requests from jurisdictions for projects to upgrade or expand recreational facilities. A committee of County employees reviews the requests and discusses each project with the jurisdictions. In 2021, many jurisdictions needed new bleachers and the County grouped a large project together to obtain a better price for the bleachers. The Committee prioritizes the requests, and sends the list to the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County for approval in July



Figure 8 John Humbird Elementary Playground

Noteworthy recreational projects for the period 2018 to 2022

- Willowbrook Outdoor Wellness Center (WOW) Project. Allegany College of Maryland is planning to donate 26 acres to Allegany County to develop two football/soccer fields, fitness area, trail network and a fishing pier. This project is currently in the planning phase. Estimated project cost is estimated to be \$2 million dollars and proposed funding will come from the National Parks Land & Conservation Fund, Project Open Space and Local Parks and Playground Infrastructure Fund
- The County, with funding from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, constructed a new boat ramp on the Potomac River, at the Upper Potomac Industrial Park
- The County installed 25 water and sewer hookups, a new bathroom, and installed new fencing at the Allegany County Fairgrounds
- The Piney Plains Civic Association made plans to improve and utilize a field that had been left unattended
- The City of Frostburg added a trail, playground and made numerous improvements to the Hoffman Community Park, a destination for a number of community events.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The County continues to utilize the state sponsored Program Open Space to purchase and develop parks in communities within the County. Program Open Space will continue to be the primary source of non-local funds for recreational projects in Allegany County. A few community parks, notably in LaVale and Cresaptown, are privately owned and funded. See [Appendix B- Program Open Space Projects 2018-2022.](#)

Municipalities and school related groups have also received grants from the State of Maryland’s Community Parks and Playgrounds program. That program deals directly with the DNR Land Acquisition and Planning’s Western Maryland Regional Office.

COUNTY GOALS

Successful communities recognize that access to public recreational open space and to a variety of active recreational opportunities promotes physical and mental health. Recreation also provides positive social interaction, which is one of the major avenues by which residents can begin to establish ties to the community. In this regard, the provision of adequate recreational space and facilities is not simply a matter of providing for leisure time activities but is an essential part of maintaining public health, safety and welfare and promoting social and community cohesion. The County goals are as follows:










-  Establish a County Committee that will visit and prepare a report on the recreational facilities conditions within the County.
-  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
-  Continue to develop the Fairgrounds to its fullest potential. The County looks to maximize the Fairgrounds to host large scale recreation events such as the County Fair, Delfest, the Tri-state Wing Off, and meetings for community groups.
-  Utilize the current trail network to promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles. Support community partnerships that seek to increase trail network connectivity, and access to recreational opportunities without reliance on the automobile.
-  Update or replace amenities at existing facilities and provide for additional amenities as the needs of the population of Allegany County change in order to make the County a desirable place to live, work, play, and grow. The County will continue to address underserved areas, when feasible.



Figure 9 Swimming at Rocky Gap State Park

STATE GOALS

-  Make a variety of quality recreational environments and opportunities readily accessible to all 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.

COMPARISON OF COUNTY AND STATE GOALS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

Generally, the County's and State's goals are aligned in addressing both specific and general aspects of recreation planning, such as preserving open space, natural resources, and meeting the needs of the community to make Allegany County and Maryland a place that is desirable to live, work and play. The County goals for parks and recreation mirror or slightly differ from the state's goals to promote access to recreation and encourage redeveloping facilities. A goal more specific to Allegany County is to address the needs of the looks to meet the changing needs of the aging population.

Both sets of goals address access to recreational opportunities without reliance on the automobile, and to promote physical activity.

The goal about improvements to the Allegany County Fairgrounds are specific to the County but relates to the State's goal to developing conveniently located facilities and infrastructure near population centers. The Fairgrounds is in a designated growth area.

PROGRESS FROM 2017

The following goals are from the Allegany County Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plan 2017, along with a description of the progress of how those goals have been carried out

GOAL 1: Make a variety of quality recreational environments and opportunities readily accessible to all its citizens and thereby contribute to their physical and mental well-being

2022 PROGRESS

County continues to upgrade and expand recreation facilities. A new boat ramp was installed at the Upper Potomac Industrial Park and new one is planned for Westernport. Pickleball courts were constructed at Bel Air Community Park and are planned for the Cresaptown Park. Cumberland skate park is in the planning stages, and Tracks and Yaks (the only Rail Biking excursion on the East Coast) began operation in Frostburg. The Canal Place River Walk is in the planning stage

GOAL 2: Continue to develop the Fairgrounds to its fullest potential. The County looks to maximize the Fairgrounds ability to host large scale recreation events such as the County Fair, Delfest, Tri-state Wing Off, and meetings for community groups.

2022 PROGRESS

Improvements included constructing a new bathroom (with County forces), adding twenty-five (25) new water/sewer hookups, and fencing improvements

GOAL 3: Utilize the current trail network to promote physical activity and healthy lifestyles. Support community partnerships that seek to increase trail network connectivity, and access to recreational opportunities without reliance on the automobile.

2022 PROGRESS

New trail added to the Hoffman Community Park. Sheriff's Department Alternative Sentencing group took over maintenance of the Great Allegheny Passage, New trails planned for Ellerslie Community Park and Constitution Park in Cumberland

GOAL 4: Update or replace amenities at existing facilities and provide for additional amenities as the needs of the population of Allegany County change in order to make the County a desirable place to live, work, play, and grow.

GOAL 5: Continue to address underserved areas when feasible

2022 PROGRESS

County continues to upgrade facilities with Open Space funding. A new recreational complex, the Willowbrook Outdoor Wellness Center, is planned near the Allegany College of Maryland

COMMUNITY BENEFIT

Results from the Survey Monkey data show that residents would like to see the upkeep and maintenance on existing parks become more prioritized. Many residents utilize the rural landscape of Allegany County for outdoor recreation such as hiking, picnicking, boating and kayaking. Allegany County's rural nature encourages residents to utilize outdoor recreation sites, but funding for facility updates is a routine challenge the County encounters. Funding from these programs would be used to increase the safety and accessibility to these parks. By ensuring recreation sites are well maintained and safe to visit, residents will be encouraged to capitalize on the physical and mental wellness benefits that outdoor recreation is able to offer.

Outdoor recreation has been shown to improve mental and physical well-being in a multitude of ways. For example, outdoor recreation is able to reduce stress, improve sleeping habits, and increase lifespan.

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELLNESS BENEFITS

Being outdoors and enjoying both field/court-based recreation and natural recreation has many mental and physical wellness benefits. For example, outdoor recreation has been associated with a lower risk of depression, faster psychological stress recovery, and strengthening of certain mental capacities such as increasing focus and attention. In addition to the various mental wellness benefits that are associated with outdoor recreation, there are many physical benefits that are linked to enjoying the outdoors.

Enjoying outdoor recreation is also able to promote healthier lifestyles through the variety of active opportunities that can be enjoyed. There is evidence to suggest that natural outdoor activities can increase a person's motivation to exercise and develop a healthier lifestyle, which in turn is able to increase life expectancy, improve sleep quality, and reduce cardiovascular disease and cancer risk.

Allegany County has been blessed with beautiful outdoor scenery and available recreation activities. Adequate funding will ensure that the existing outdoor parks and recreation sites are easily accessible, well maintained, and safe to visit for residents.

ALLEGANY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY PROGRAM

The Allegany County Board of Education offers Outdoor School, and After School Program to students in Allegany County's public-school system.

Every student has a meaningful outdoor education experience from kindergarten to grade 12. For example, seventh graders, spend two-and-a-half days at Rocky Gap and Canal Place and fifth graders have outdoors school at the Evergreen Heritage Center. Due to the current coronavirus situation, several events have been cancelled. The Evergreen Heritage Center is currently coming to the schools to teach their programs.



Figure 10 Water Quality Sampling

IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS

OPEN SPACE, GREENWAYS, AND PARKS

Program open space continues to be the main funding program for Allegany County to upgrade the recreational facilities within the County. Appendix B provides a list of projects completed with Open Space funding from 2018-2022.

COMMUNITY PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

The Community Parks and Playgrounds Program provides funding to focus on restoring existing and creating new parks and green space systems in Maryland's cities and towns. Awards are competitive in nature and applications are accepted every year.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

The State Side of the Land and Water Conservation Fund provides matching grants to States and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities. Funding from this program will be included to develop 26 acres of property that Allegany County is acquiring from the Allegany College of Maryland for the Willowbrook Outdoor Wellness Center.

STATE WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND

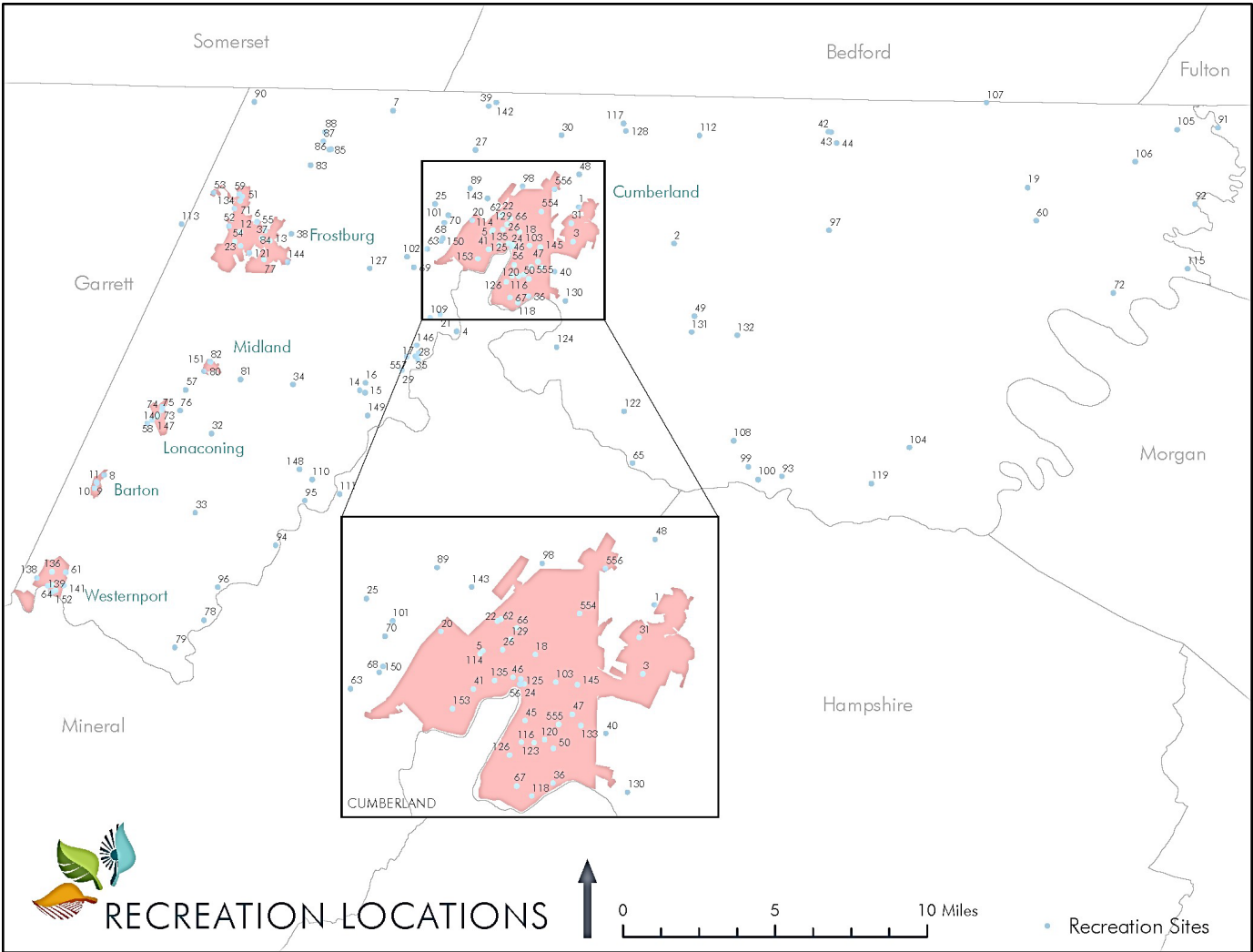
This program provides financial support to local governments for a wide variety of capital projects and services for the boating public. Allegany County has constructed two boat ramps for access to the Potomac River with this program, the most recent being constructed at the Upper Potomac Industrial Park in 2018.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES INVENTORY

Parks and open space include a variety of recreation areas and facilities to meet the needs of Allegany County’s residents and visitors. Park and recreation facilities can also be established to preserve, conserve and manage natural resources and habitats. The following are some classifications and examples of land in Allegany County. See Appendix C - Allegany County Inventory Parks and Recreation Facilities, Appendix D – Recreation Sites Inventory Map, Appendix E – Recreation Sites Inventory Map Public Sites, and Appendix F - Recreation Sites Inventory Map Private.



Figure 11 Allegany College of Maryland Track and Field



Map 5 Recreation Site Points

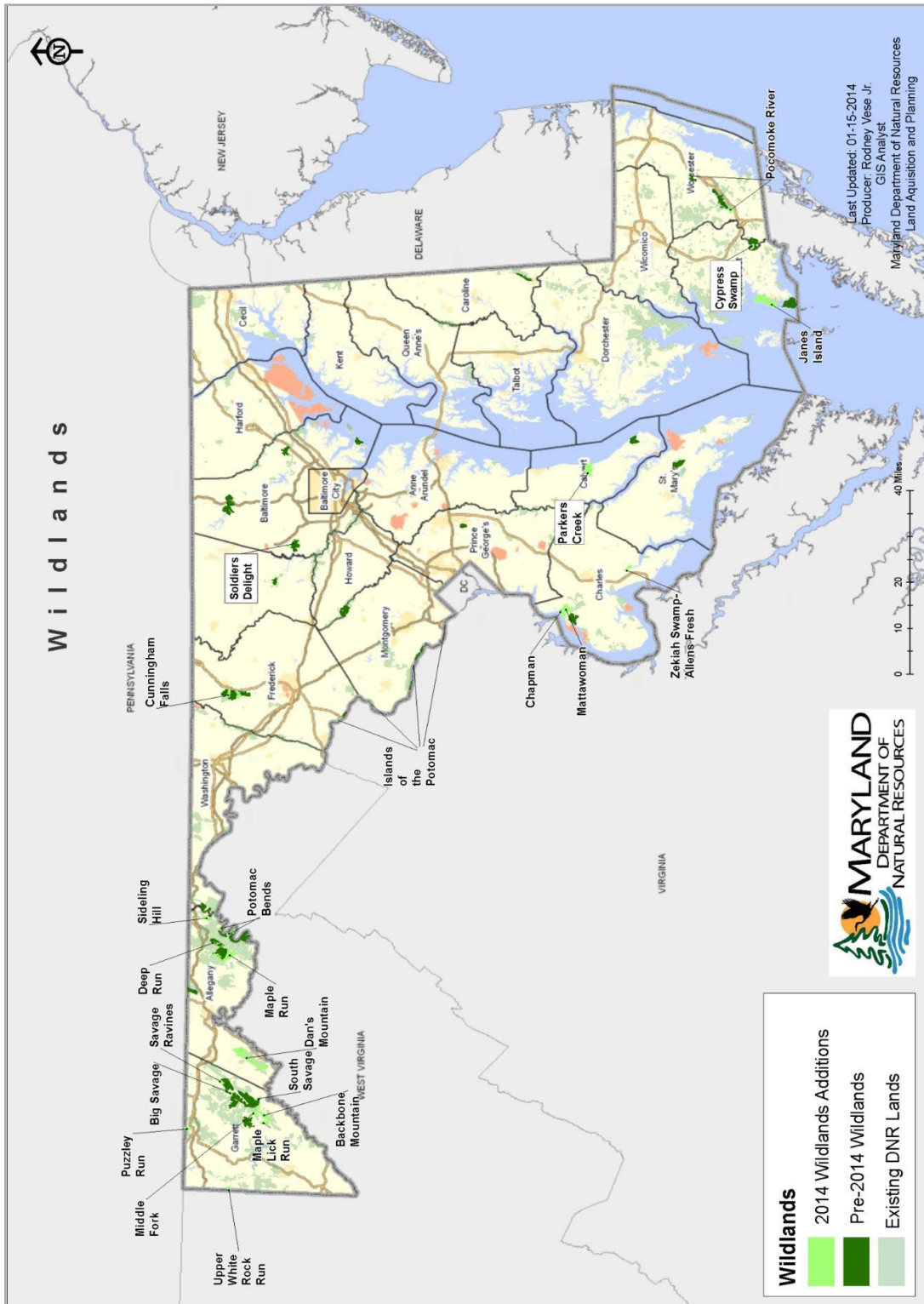


Figure 12 DNR Maintained Land

State Owned Public Lands

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources manages 68,306 acres of land in Allegany County. Allegany County is home to the second largest state-owned forests in the State. The thousands of state-owned lands shown in [Figure 12- DNR Maintained Land in the County](#) represents significant ecological and cultural landscapes that provide residents with the outdoor recreation opportunities such as wildlife observation, photography, boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, mountain biking, and camping. In addition to more than 65,000 acres of preserved lands, residents have access to 155 public parks. Please reference [Appendix C- Allegany County Inventory of Parks and Recreation Facilities](#) to see additional parks and recreation sites available within the County.

Public Water Access Sites

County residents are able to enjoy the public water trail that includes eleven public water access sites. Residents are able to access these sites through both boat ramps and soft launches. Residents are able to enjoy a multitude of recreational activities throughout the County such as boating, swimming, canoeing, kayaking, camping, and picnicking. These are significant recreational features within the County that include the State-Designated Potomac River Water Trail section as well as the Federally owned and managed C&O Canal NHP. Map 6 depicts the general locations of the available public access sites throughout the area.

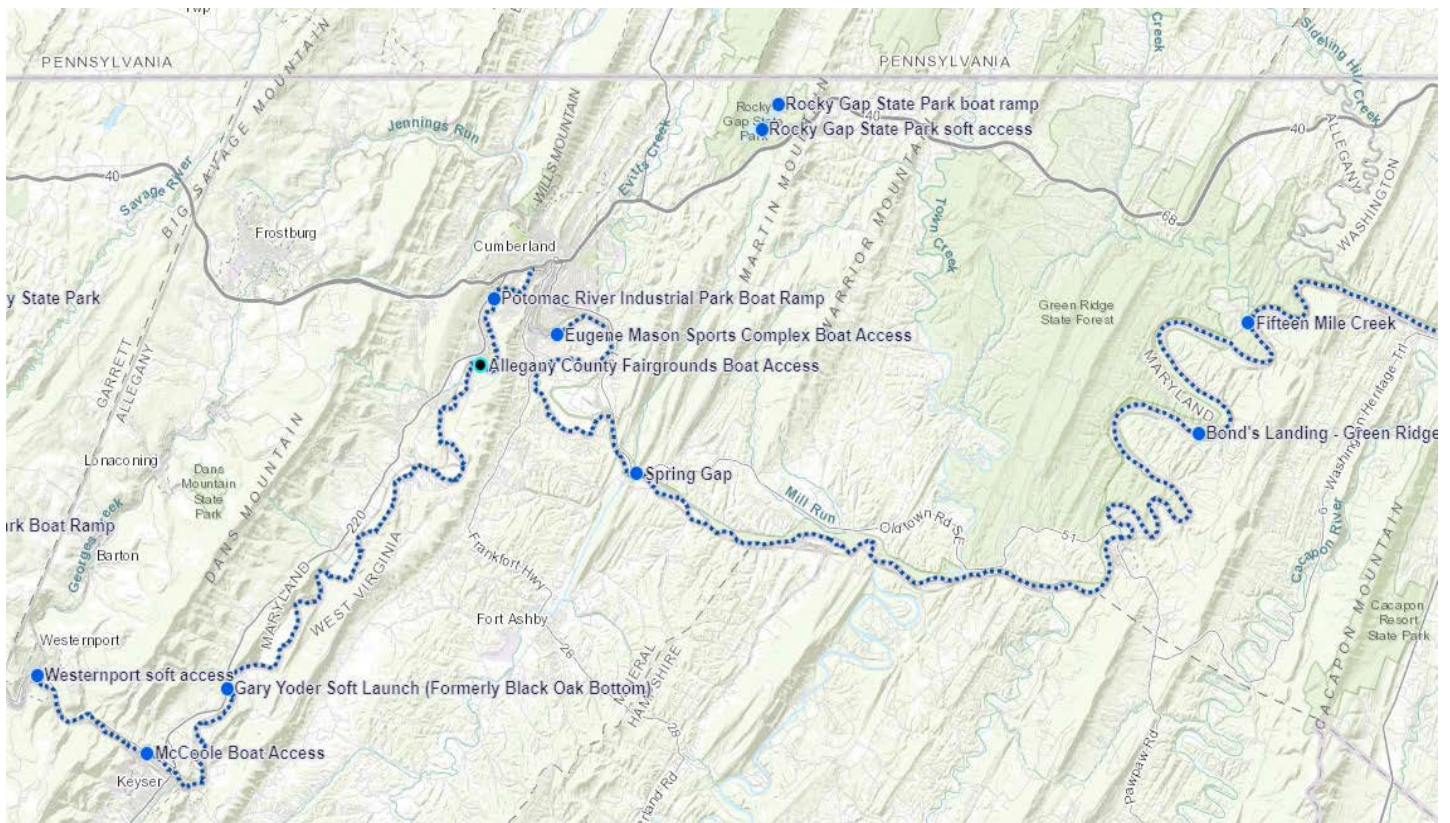


Figure 13 Water Trail and Access Sites

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

The 22, small, scaled neighborhood parks provide limited facilities due to their size but are convenient for locations in more densely populated urban settings. They give residents of these neighborhoods some outdoor space beyond the home that is conveniently located, where they casually meet and/or engage in unorganized play and enjoy open space. Due to the distribution of population in Allegany County neighborhood parks and playgrounds occur in municipalities.

COMMUNITY PARKS

The 61 Community Parks serve larger populations than neighborhood parks and in Allegany County have been developed in municipalities, unincorporated suburbs, and smaller rural communities. Residents of former mining or company towns of the George's Creek region of the County tend to gravitate towards community parks in the municipalities of the region. Community Parks also provide amenities such as playground equipment. The County relies on community groups or public service organizations to operate, maintain, and provide programming of recreational activities. The properties



Figure 14 Barton Community Park Playground

may be owned by the County, but because they are developed and supported by residents; parks contribute to the social well-being of the community at-large.

SCHOOL RECREATION FACILITIES

School recreation facilities are located at school properties in urban, suburban and rural community settings. There are 23 school recreation facilities. The County's elementary schools have almost all been provided play equipment funded through POS. At the County's middle and high schools playing fields are open for the public when not in school use.

REGIONAL PARKS, WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, AND STATE FORESTS

54 Regional Parks in Allegany County include recreational facilities of Allegany College of Maryland and Frostburg State University. Other parks of regional significance include Cumberland's Constitution Park, Canal Place, the Allegany County Fairgrounds, and the Maryland portion of the Great Allegheny Passage (GAP.) These facilities contribute in varying degrees to the County's economic health as components of its eco-tourism infrastructure.

TRAILS

Many residents and visitors have embraced the recreational aspect of biking, walking, and using the C&O Canal, Great Allegheny Passage, and other existing local hiking and biking trails. The County's roadways, on

the other hand, are primarily used for automobiles, but there is opportunity to improve their capacity for non-motorized transportation.

To encourage alternative transportation modes in Allegany County the *Allegany County Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan of 2013* provides an inventory of existing and proposed trails. Included is an inventory of existing and proposed trails, a review of trail connectivity, and a discussion of biking and pedestrian issues. The Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan also provides a vision and proposed projects to improve the conditions for biking and walking in Allegany County.

Allegany County's existing trail systems are used by residents and visitors of Allegany County. The main systems spanning east to west in the County are the Great Allegheny Passage and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Towpath. These trails meet in Cumberland and provide a non-motorized connection from Georgetown (near Washington, DC) to downtown Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The other existing system of trails can be found in Rocky Gap State Park. That system consists of four trails, three of which are spurs to the main Lake Loop Trail that follows Lake Habeeb's shore. Green Ridge State Forest also provides 11 trails for recreation. Most trails in Green Ridge State Forest are moderately challenging hiking trails due to the steep terrain. See [Appendix G -Trail Inventory Map](#)

PRIVATELY OWNED RECREATION FACILITIES

The inventory identifies 50 properties for recreational use but are owned by a private or nonprofit entity. Some of these sites are open to the public, but others require a membership, or rental fee. An example of a privately-owned facility is the Ali Ghan Shrine Club's Picnic Grounds. It is a gated area that can be rented for events; the area has playground equipment, pavilions and other amenities.



Figure 15 Bikers on the GAP

MEASURING USER DEMAND

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- A project request for Open Space Funding is sent out to all seven municipalities each March. Once the list is compiled, a County review committee reaches out to requestor with any questions
- October 2018. The Nature Conservancy completed the Western Maryland Woodland and Wildlife Management Survey. See Appendix H
- Meetings were held in November and December of 2020 with local sports organizations to determine the project scope for development of 26 acres, that Allegany College of Maryland is donating to Allegany County for the Willowbrook Outdoor Wellness Center.

To assist with the project development, the Allegany County Outdoor Recreation Survey was completed. See Appendix I.

A \$2 million dollar development project consisting of two football/soccer fields, fitness area, trail network and a fishing pier is planned for this site. Funding will come from the National Parks Land and Conservation Fund, Program Open Space and Local Parks and Playgrounds Infrastructure Fund.



Figure 16 Great Allegany Passage and Wills Mountain Scenic Overlook

SURVEY MONKEY

Allegheny County conducted an online survey in January 2022 to ask the public's opinion on the park and recreation sites within the County, for the LPPRP update. The survey contained questions that will help Allegheny County improve some of our greatest recreational assets. The survey was made through www.surveymonkey.com. The survey was posted on the County's website as well as social media sites. 299 people, in total, were surveyed. Full results from the survey can be found in [Appendix K – LPPRP Survey Monkey Survey Results](#)

According to the survey, the following are the top ten most visited sites in Allegheny County

1. Rocky Gap State Park
2. Allegheny County Fairgrounds
3. C&O Canal
4. Great Allegheny Trail Passage
5. Constitution Park
6. Dans Mountain State Park
7. Allegheny College of Maryland
8. Dan's Rock Overlook Park
9. Green Ridge State Forest
10. Frostburg State University



Figure 17 Downtown Cumberland Farmers Market Outreach

Items to consider after reviewing the survey include:

1. Maintenance and upkeep of recreational facilities needs improved. This has been the focus when utilizing Open Space Funding.
2. Hiking, Biking, and outdoor activities are very important to County residents
3. Skateboard Park and disc golf are new ideas many residents would like to see added. The city of Cumberland is currently working on the planning of a new skateboard park.
4. The County needs to advertise and market the abundant number of recreational facilities within the County.

Maintenance and upkeep of existing recreational facilities was the most received comment according to the Survey Monkey data. This shows that while residents are utilizing available recreation sites, sites need to be updated. As stated above, this is the focus of most of the funding provided through Program Open Space. Proper upkeep of sites will encourage residents to use and enjoy the available outdoor recreation sites to their full potential.

Due to the ease of completing the survey with the Survey Monkey application, the County will revise the current survey and complete the survey on an annual basis, in order to keep current with the needs of County residents.

DATA ON USAGE, DEMAND AND PARTICIPATION RATES

Since Allegany County does not have a parks and recreation department, data on participation at some of the recreation sites have been gathered from the City of Cumberland, City of Frostburg, Allegany County Fairgrounds, Athletic Associations and State Parks. Table 5 contains participation data for the Fairgrounds, Great Allegany Passage, and other recreation facilities.

Table 5 Participation within the County

Site	Year	Total	Notes	Organization
Great Allegany Passage	2021	184,372		Allegany Trail Alliance
DelFest	2019	35,000	2020 and 2021 were cancelled	Allegany County Fairgrounds
		Average		
Allegany County Fair (week long)	2021	40,000		Allegany County Fairgrounds
Annual Fairground Visitors	2021	200,000	COVID has cancelled events	Allegany County Fairgrounds
Rocky Gap	2021	760,408	559,480-day use, 200,924 camping	DNR
Dan's Mountain	2021	6,631	Day use only	DNR
Constitution Park Pool	2021	13,254		City of Cumberland
Mason Recreation Complex	2021	25,500	Softball, Football, Soccer, Basketball and Baseball	City of Cumberland
Holly Ave Rec Complex - Softball and Soccer Total Participation	2021	1,000	approximate players	LaVale Athletics Association
Constitution Park Day Camp -	2021	1,313	7-week summer program	City of Cumberland
Constitution Park Sunday Concert Series	2021	3,000	8 Concerts	City of Cumberland
City Place	2021	22,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Community Center	2021	8,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Community Park	2021	64,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Dog Park	2021	14,500	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
East End Park	2021	5,500	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Frostburg Armory	2021	8,500	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Glendening Rec Complex	2021	138,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Hoffman Park	2021	46,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Mt. Pleasant Park	2021	16,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
Rifle Range	2021	5,500	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg
West End Park	2021	2,000	estimated visitors	City of Frostburg

According to the usage data, Rocky Gap State Park is highly used. This information correlates to the County’s online recreation survey. According to the survey, the most important assets were hiking and biking trails, both the Great Allegany Passage and Rocky Gap show a high participation rate.

The Frostburg Dog Park is reported to have over 14,000 visitors to the site in a year. Based on the surveys there is demand for more of these types of facilities. In Allegany County there is only one other dog park at Constitution Park. Improvements to the Dog Park in Constitution Park are warranted for the site to meet modern dog park design criteria.

This enumeration of participation is not complete, there are many more active leagues and athletic clubs, this demand can be seen in the POS funding over the last six years. Many of the projects were to improve sports fields and courts.

ANALYZING USER DEMAND

PUBLIC RECREATION PROXIMITY ANALYSIS

Unstructured outdoor time is important for the well-being of everyone. Evidence suggests that exposure to nature can improve attention and promote self-confidence, calmness, and other psychological aspects of health. Unstructured outdoor play produces positive developmental and health benefits for all residents, including those from rural communities to those in urban and suburban neighborhoods.

GIS-based proximity analysis was done to model the accessibility of public recreation sites throughout Allegany County, based on driving distance.

Driving is the most common mode of transportation in Allegany County. Over 88% of households in Allegany County own at least one vehicle, based on the 2016 American Community Survey data. Of the 3,126 estimated households without access to a vehicle, 87% or 2,723 estimated households without access to a vehicle are in the urbanized and walkable Cities of Cumberland and Frostburg. Furthermore, these Cities have higher accessibility to public transit options.

Table 6: Vehicle Access

	Allegany County		Cumberland		Frostburg		Cumberland + Frostburg	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
Occupied housing units	28,167		16,328		5,738		22,066	
No vehicles available	3,126	11.10%	2,181	13.36%	542	9.40%	2,723	12.34%
1 or more vehicle available	25,041	88.90%	14,147	86.64%	3,126	54.48%	19,343	87.66%

Source: Selected Housing Characteristics American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Given the County’s rural nature, the average commute time is 20.2 minutes. Recreation is often seen as something to do in one’s spare time, and therefore convenience to access public recreation spaces is a priority. This Proximity Analysis will model travel time convenience, using 15, 10, and five-minute drive times to public recreation points.

METHOD

A GIS-Based Proximity Analysis was done to evaluate accessibility to public recreation lands in Allegany County, based on driving distance from residences.

This analysis began by selecting only the publicly accessible recreation points from the recreation inventory. In addition, points of interest for Green Ridge State Forest and access points for the C&O Canal were added since these parks are vast and have multiple points of entry.

Inputting public recreation points and a road network that considered speed limit, traffic signals, and traffic volume, the following drive time polygons were generated, 15-minute, 10-minute, and 5-minute. These distance polygons were overlaid with the County's address point file, to provide a general sense of development clusters in the County. Please note that these address points represent occupied housing units and commercial, institutional, and other E-911 address points.

RESULTS

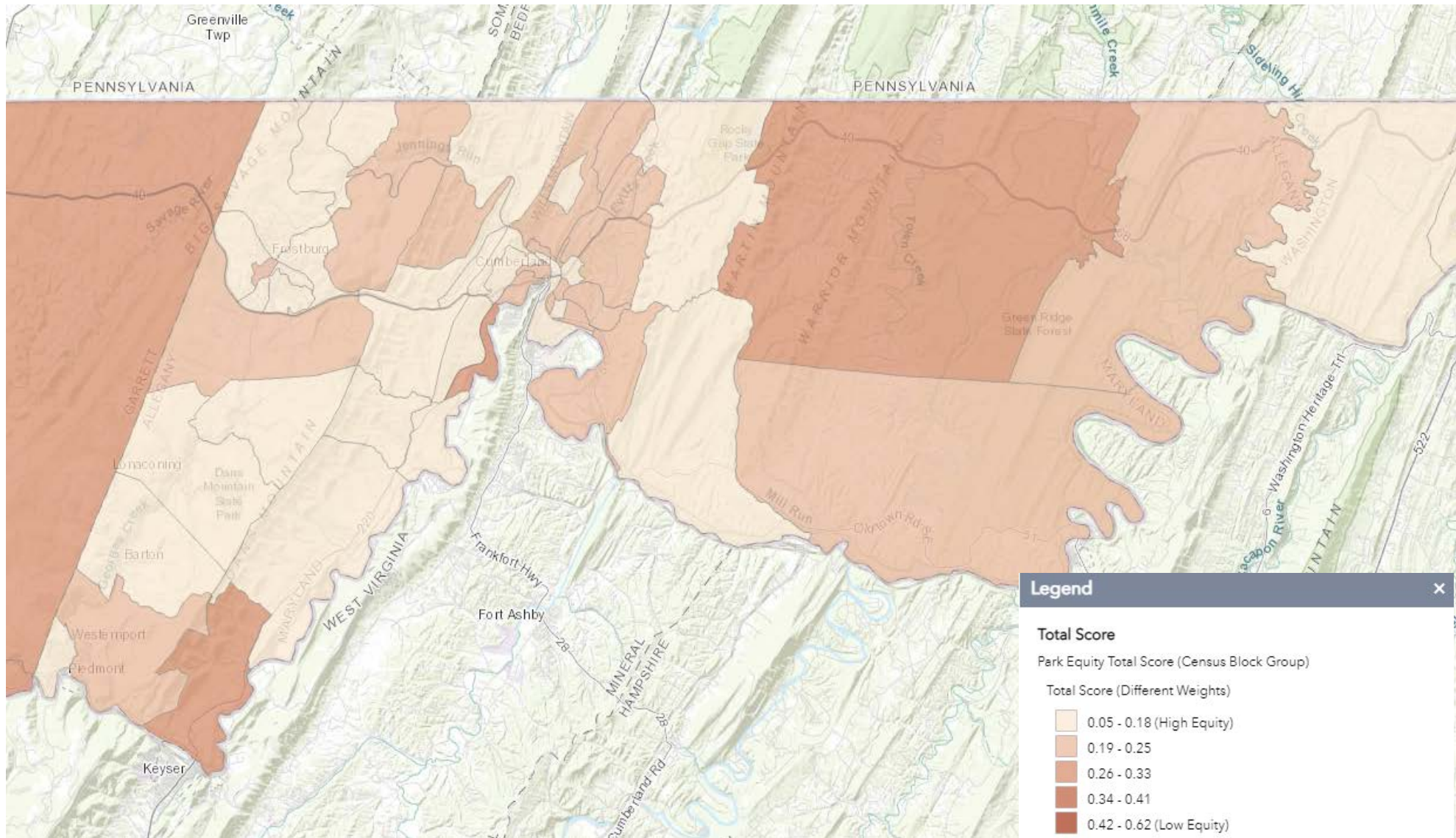
In addition to the Park Equity analysis conducted, as seen in Figure 18, several proximity analyses were also completed. These include proximity analyses for water access, natural resources, picnic facilities, and trails. These analyses can be found in Appendix L- Park Proximity Analysis Maps, and results conclude that despite its ruralness, Allegany County is able to provide residents with sufficient access to public recreation, and Allegany County has met its land acquisition goals. While there are gaps in access in the eastern part of the County, this is largely due to the amount of federally owned and protected land in the Green Ridge State Forest. Results from the several proximity maps are highlighted in the Park Equity Analysis Map, indicating that most of the County scored with very high or high equity to parks.

Addressing areas where the community is underserved is greatly influential in where the County chooses to allocate time and resources for outdoor recreation advancement. Results from the analyses conducted are incorporated into planning and can be witnessed in the County's goals and planned projects that are discussed in this plan.

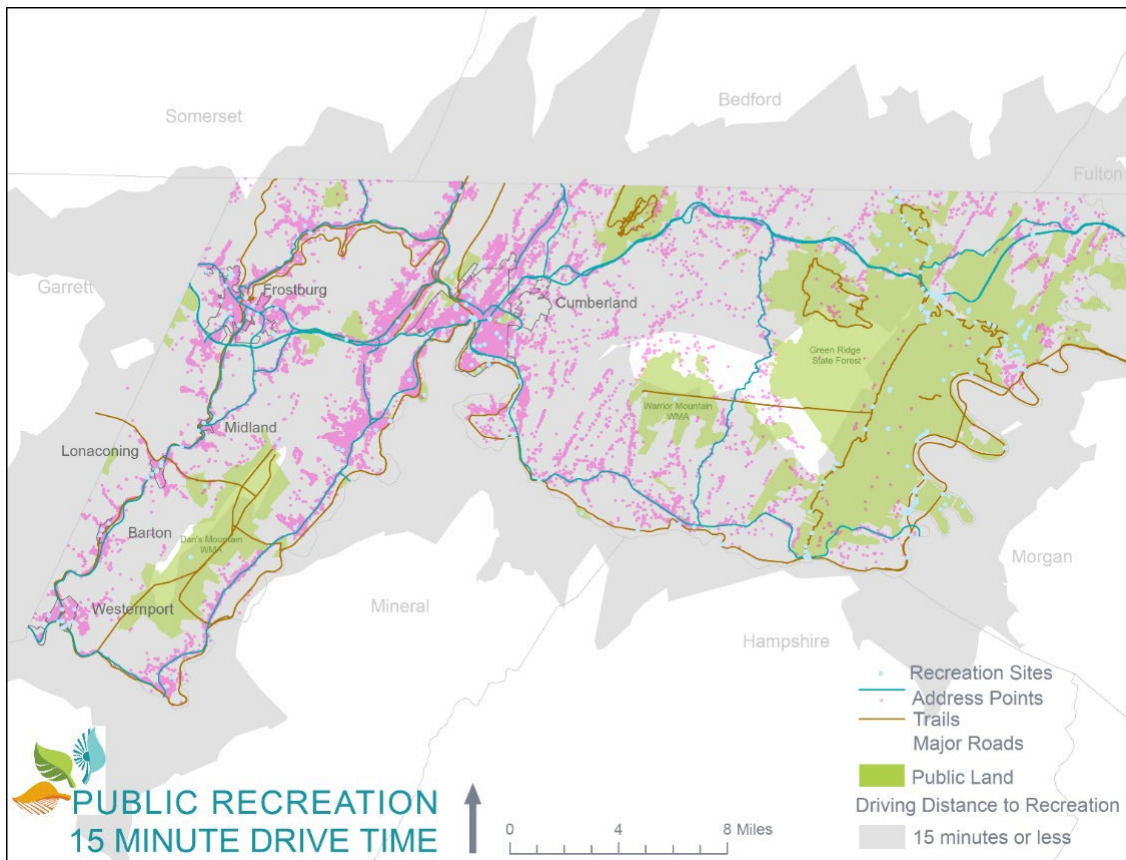
PARK EQUITY ANALYSIS

Map 7, Park Equity, found below, displays the Total Park Equity Score of each of the census tracts within the County. Many of the census tracts within the County scored with Very High Equity, or High Equity, ranging in score from .05 to .25. However, census tracts surrounding the Green Ridge State Forest are among the lowest-scoring tracts within the County. The population density in this area is lower in comparison to the larger towns and cities such as Cumberland, Frostburg, and LaVale. Among low population density, the distance to public transportation, walkability, and the concentration of low-income households are contributing factors as to why these tracts scored so low. This is extremely helpful in identifying parts of the County that are underserved. Funding from available programs and grants would aim to combat this discrepancy found in the eastern part of the County, while also working to preserve the steep slopes and high-value forestry lands. These components are key in addressing many of the County's goals that are outlined in this plan.

Map 7- Park Equity Analysis



Below is the 15-minute interval map. The distance polygons converge and cover most of Allegany County, and 99.58% of the address points. The areas not covered by the 15-minute distance polygon are areas with limited road access, areas of steep slopes, or public lands owned by the State.

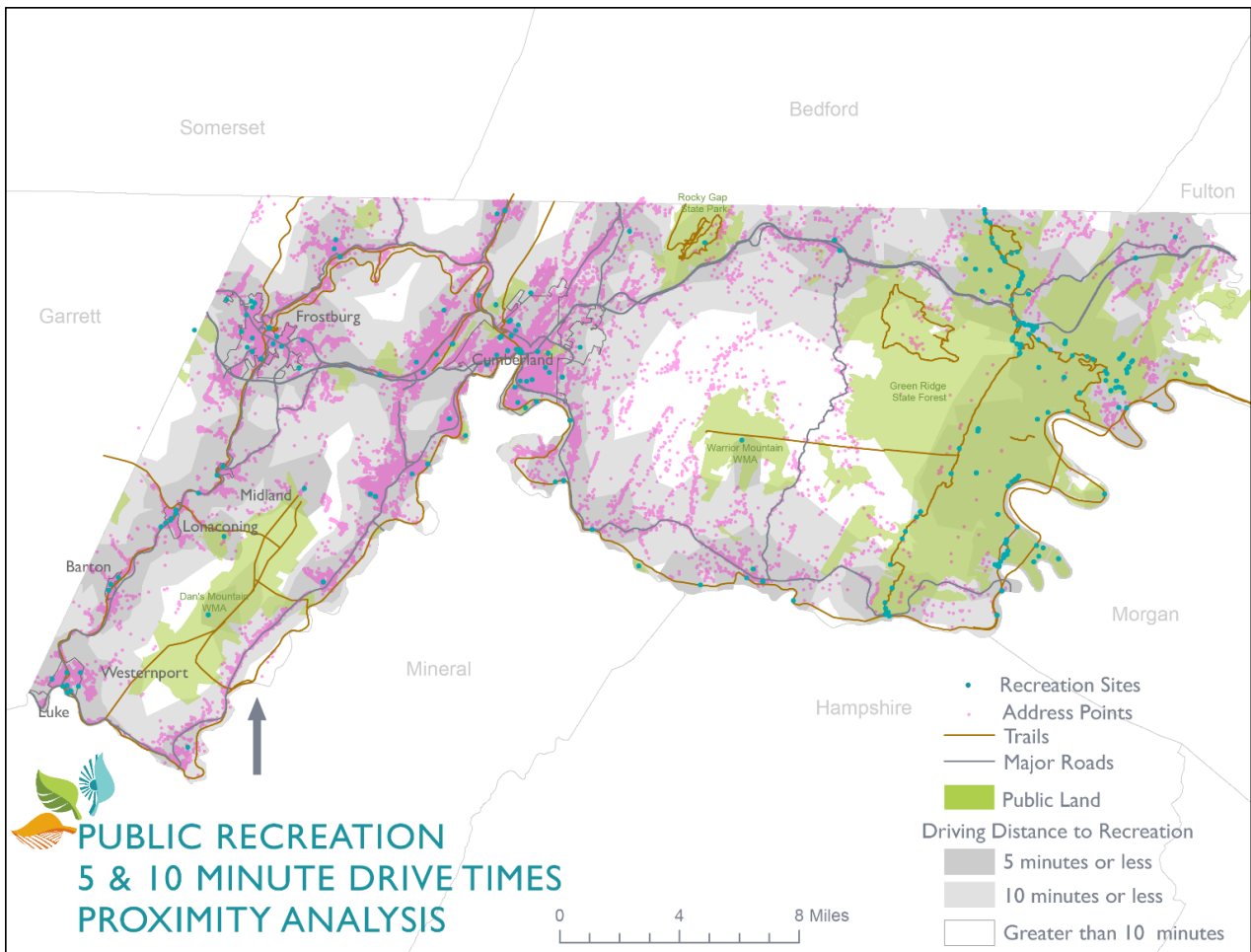


Map 8 15-Minute Drive Time Proximity Analysis

In addition to the 15-minute driving interval, a 10-minute and 5-minute driving interval map was generated. The results of this analysis yielded over 96% of the address points being within ten minutes driving time and 86% being within five-minute driving time to an existing public recreation site. As depicted that cannot be reached in a vehicle in less than 10-minutes are primarily large tracts of State-owned public lands, which provide additional rural recreation opportunities. Given the County’s rural nature, Allegany County residents drive a considerable distance from amenities such as grocery stores and for employment opportunities. Having recreation opportunities within a 10-minute drive demonstrates that Allegany County is well served by its existing parks, trails, open spaces, forests, and other public recreation lands.

On May 1, 2022, Allegany County received a letter from the Maryland Department of the Natural Resources. The letter outlines available funding that is available through Program Open Space, and states “Since Allegany County has met its local land acquisition goal in the current, approved, Land Preservation Parks and Recreation Plan, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources owns more than 65,000 acres of land...” Allegany County does not plan to acquire any more federally protected land at this time.

Map 9 5- & 10-Minute Drive Time Proximity Analysis



Based on the community survey results in the plan, the greatest public recreation needs in Allegany County are improvements to a user’s experience. When asked, “Do you feel enough attention is given to the recreation facilities you frequent?” Many respondents felt that not enough attention is given the current recreation facilities. This is also demonstrated by a review of the POS applications over the last decade, which consistently request funding for upgrades to existing facilities.

As for addressing the desires expressed in the public outreach, the City of Cumberland is hoping to complete the Constitution Park Trail Plan. The projects in the recommendation of the plan may lead to more paved trails in the park and perhaps other parks in Cumberland, as well as an improvement to dog park amenities, and a diversity in future programs and events.



Figure 19 Creekside Park in Westernport Constructed in 2017

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Parks and Recreation CIP contains only the current recreational proposals submitted by the County's Municipalities. Entries in the plan for FY 2022 include projects in the FY 2022 Annual Plan for Program Open Space.

As illustrated in the Parks and Recreation Survey, many parks need new equipment and amenities, known as Capital Redevelopment. The County's long-standing goal of improving existing parks accounts for much of the Program Open Space funding.

Trails and paths were requested from the public outreach, these community playground projects will try to incorporate walking paths and trails that communities can access without the reliance on automobiles.

Table 7 Capital Improvement Plan Allegany County Parks and Recreation FY 2018-2022

Fiscal Year	Organization	Project	Funding Amount	Funding Source:	Project Status
2022	City of Frostburg	Frostburg Community Park Improvements	\$58,900.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Oldtown Indians Youth Sports Commission	Oldtown Indians Youth Sports Commission Scoreboard	\$4,085.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	LaVale Athletic Association	LaVale Lions Field Playground Surfacing A&B	\$13,123.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Bel Air Citizens Committee	Bel Air Community Tennis Court	\$26,050.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Town of Luke	Luke Legion Park Restrooms	\$50,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Cresaptown Civic Improvement Program	Cresaptown Recreational Courts	\$85,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Town of Barton	Barton Park Improvements Projects	\$15,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Ellerslie Athletic Association	Ellerslie Community Park Scoreboard and Walking Track	\$19,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Mayor & City Council of Cumberland \$ Riverside BMX, LLC	Mason Sports Complex BMX Track Resurfacing Project	\$67,200.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Bel Air Citizens Committee	Bel Air Community Pirate Ship Playground	\$13,343.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Potomac Valley Athletic Association	Rawlings Park Stair Repair	\$5,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Potomac Valley Lions Club	New Fencing for Ballfield	\$49,125.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Piney Plain Civic Association	Piney Plans Community Park Improvements	\$71,150.00	POS/Local	Preliminary Design
2022	Allegany County Commissioners	Willowbrook Outdoor Wellness Center	\$397,461.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	City of Frostburg	East End Park Improvements	\$9,563.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Allegany County BOE	Mountain Ridge Outdoor Basketball Court Improvement	\$58,500.00	POS/Local	Planning/Construction
2022	Allegany College of MD	Allegany College of MD Public Fitness Enhancement	\$67,500.00	POS/Local	unknown
2022	Allegany College BOE	Frost Elementary School Playground	\$181,000.00	POS/Local	unknown

2022	Allegany College of MD Baseball Field Enhancement	Allegany College of MD		\$209,339.00	POS/Local	Transportation Plan
2022	Willowbrook Outdoor Wellness Center	Allegany County Commissioners of MD	Allegany College	\$205,24300	POS/Other	Preliminary Estimate
2022	Flintstone Community Park Improvements A&B	Flintstone Civic Improvement Association		\$25,000,000	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2022	Town of Midland- Parks & Rec Areas Security Imp.	Town of Midland		\$25,000.00	POS/Local	Planning/Design
2023	Allegany College of Maryland	Frisby Golf		\$75,000.00	Unknown	Planning/Design
2023	Cresaptown Civic Improvement Association	Cresaptown Improvements	Recreational Facility	\$100,000.00	Unknown	Planning/Design
2023	LaVale Athletic Association	Holly Ave Filed Improvements		\$100,000.00	Unknown	Planning/Design
2023	City of Cumberland	Constitution Park and Trail Improvements		\$50,000.00	Unknown	Planning/Design
2024	Piney Plains Civic Improvement Association	Ballfield Improvements		\$25,000.00	Unknown	Planning/Design
2024	LaVale Athletic Association	Lions Field Improvements		\$50,000.00	Unknown	Planning/Design
2025	Frostburg	Armory Basketball Floor Replacement		\$100,000.00	Unknown	Planning/Design
2026	Frostburg	Glendenning Park Playground Upgrade		\$80,000.00	Unknown	Planning/Design



CHAPTER 3 NATURAL RESOURCE LAND CONSERVATION



Figure 20 Town Creek

Enacted by the General Assembly in 1997, Maryland’s Rural Legacy Program dedicates funds to preserve valuable farmland, forest, and natural areas. In 2010, the County’s Mountain Ridge Rural Legacy Area was approved by the State of Maryland. Today the County has more than 1,300 acres preserved through the Rural Legacy Program. See Appendix L – Rural Legacy Map and Appendix M- Federally Protected Lands.

The State of Maryland has preserved 67,184 acres, or 24.6% of Allegany County’s land area, in Wildlife Management Areas, State Forests and State Parks. The Chesapeake and Ohio National Historical Park consists of 3,205 acres of protected land as well. Adding the locally preserved land to State and Federal lands preserves approximately one acre of land per County resident.








Since 2017, approximately 113 acres of forested stream buffers have been implemented as part of the County’s Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) for the Chesapeake Bay TMDL. This reforestation was completed in large part via partnership with DRN Forest Service. Also, since 2017 approximately 68 acres of urban tree canopy, 202 acres of reforestation on mine lands, 27 acres of bioretention, 13 acres of filtering practices, and 1,230 linear feet of stream restoration have been implemented throughout the County.

COUNTY GOALS




Natural resource conservation lands prove many environmental and social benefits including filtration of air water, outdoor recreational opportunities, economic and public health benefits, and wildlife habitat and biodiversity. Preserving natural resources sustain a functional ecosystem which in turn provides benefits to inhabitants of Allegany County.

The following goals are reiterated from the 2017 LPPRP and complement objectives and recommendations from the from the 2014 Comprehensive Plan’s Sensitive Area Element and Agricultural, Forestry and Non- Mineral Resources Element.

- Continue to protect steep slopes, floodplains, and sensitive areas. Steep slopes are defined in County plans and code as any slope greater than 25%.



-  Maximize conservation of areas that have high forestry value as well as areas that have a high natural resource value. If these properties are within the Mountain Ridge RLA, encourage participation within that program.
-  Continue to encourage citizens to participate in the Rural Legacy program, the Maryland Environmental Trust program as well as the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.
-  To increase the connectivity and use of Allegany County's greenways in order to preserve habitat corridors and boost economic development through the appreciation of natural resources.
-  Facilitate additional wetland and buffer protection from development impacts and promote interagency coordination regarding wetland permits and mapping applications.
-  Implement a View-shed Protection Overlay Zone. This would protect mountain tops from development that would impact the view of the mountains and may disrupt the eco-tourism that is being established in the County.
-  Create, maintain, improve, and increase the quantity and quality of open space and greenways within Allegany County to facilitate and preserve wildlife habitat corridors and preserve the scenic aesthetics of Allegany County.
-  Continue to discourage development within the 100-year floodplain. Identify properties that are within the revised floodplain maps from USGS and target potential sites for flood buyouts through grant funding and other Federal Emergency Management Agency programs.

STATE GOALS

-  Identify, protect and restore lands and waterways in Maryland that support important aquatic and terrestrial natural resources and ecological functions, through the combined use of the following techniques
 - Public land acquisition and stewardship;
 - Private 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 land 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 (which is not to be confused with the former easement program also called 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 resources lands and environmentally

sensitive areas to assist state and local implementation programs.

-  Established measurable objective for natural resource conservation and an integrated state/local strategy to achieve them through state and local implementation programs.
-  Assesses the combined ability of state and local program 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;
 - 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 fishery production; and
 - Support a productive forestland base and forest resource industry, emphasizing the economic viability of privately owned forestland.

COMPARISON

The County goals mainly complement the State Goals. For example, both sets of goals state to conserve natural resources by acquiring public land and stewardship, not developing in floodplains, on steep slopes and sensitive areas. Both sets of goals address preserving wildlife habitat and connectivity of greenways and forests. One of Allegany County's goals also mentions eco-tourism, preserving the natural resources can be an economic benefit to this area, drawing visitors and providing recreational sites for residents.

There is no mention of the Targeted Ecological Areas (TEAs) in GreenPrint in the County Goals, this will be something the County will look to the State for resources to better highlight areas to be preserved, in future LPPRP. This goal goes hand in hand with a comprehensive inventory as mentioned in the state goals. Since Allegany County does not have a parks and recreation department, the people power is lacking for a comprehensive inventory for natural resources and environmentally sensitive areas. Perhaps state resources can be shared with the County to better achieve their goal.

PROGRESS SINCE 2017

Even though the County maintains the 2017 goals in the 2022 plan and continues to work toward them in their policies and administrative procedures, the following provides a summary on the progress that has been made on each of the goals.

GOAL 1 Continue to protect steep slopes, floodplains and sensitive areas. Steep slopes are defined in County plans and code as any slope greater than 25%.

2022 PROGRESS

Protection of these sensitive areas continues to be implemented through enforcement of zoning, subdivision and development regulations.

GOAL 2 Maximize [conservation of] areas that have high forestry value as well as areas that have a high natural resource value. If these properties are within the Mountain Ridge RLA, encourage participation within that program.

2022 PROGRESS

Five Rural Legacy easements have been purchased on more than 1,300 acres of mostly forested land since 2017.



Figure 21 Boating on Lake Habeeb

GOAL 3 Continue to discourage development within the 100-year floodplain. Identify properties that are within the revised floodplain maps from USGS and target potential sites for flood buyouts through grant funding and other Federal Emergency Management Agency programs.

2022 PROGRESS

The County continues to enforce its Floodplain Management code through site plan review and subdivision review.

GOAL 4 Continue to identify areas where Greenways could be used to link urban areas and parks within the County.

2022 PROGRESS

The County has implemented a riverine greenway system through the Waterway Improvement Program on the North Branch of the Potomac River and through repetitive loss programs mentioned above.

GOAL 5 Implement a View-shed Protection Overlay Zone. This would protect mountain tops from development that would impact the view of the mountains and may disrupt the eco-tourism that is being established in the County.

2022 PROGRESS

Rural Legacy easement acquisitions partially accomplished this goal in preserving views of the mountains from the National Road Scenic Byway. Additional easements purchases are under review.

GOAL 6 Continue to encourage citizens to participate in the Rural Legacy program, the Maryland Environmental Trust program as well as the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

2022 PROGRESS

The County submits an annual list of candidate properties to the Rural Legacy program.



Figure 22 A commercial area of LaVale adjoins the Mountain Ridge Rural Legacy Area



CHAPTER 4 AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION



Figure 23 Shipley Farm, Little Orleans

The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) has a primary purpose of preserving sufficient agricultural land to maintain a viable local base of food and fiber production for the present and future citizens of Maryland. The program purchases perpetual agricultural conservation easements on eligible farmland throughout the state.

The first land preservation easement sponsored by Allegany County occurred in 1990 with the purchase of the development rights of the Leaning Tree Farm located near Mount Savage. Fifteen Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) easements have been purchased, preserving 1,868 acres of productive farmland supplying residents of Allegany County the food and fiber necessary for their well-being. The “farm to table” movement has prospered in Allegany with several farmers’ markets in year-round operation and restaurants emphasizing their serving of locally produced foods. See [Appendix N– Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Map](#) and [Appendix O- Allegany County Agricultural Land Preservation and Easements](#).

The vast majority of agricultural land in the County corresponds directly with the States goals of preservation. Allegany County continues to develop its land preservation alongside the goals of the State and is a large contributor to the thousands of acres already preserved.

COUNTY GOALS

- ✦ Establish a Priority Preservation Area
- ✦ Continue to submit to both Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) and Rural Legacy on an annual basis.
- ✦ Work to become a “Certified” County. Certification allows the County to keep more of the Agricultural Transfer taxes generated within the County.
- ✦ Continue to encourage property owners to voluntarily participate in Land Preservation Programs through MALPF and Rural Legacy, to provide long-term protection of Allegany County’s agricultural and forested land resources.
- ✦ Maximize areas with increased agricultural value
- ✦ Minimize the amount of prime agricultural land converted from agricultural use to accommodate permitted non-farm development.

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 investment is reasonably well supported by both local investment and land use management programs;
- ✦ Work with local governments to achieve the following
 - Establish preservation areas, goals and strategies through local comprehensive planning processes that address and complement state goals;
 - 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;
 - 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;
 - Use local land use management authority effectively to protect public investment in



Figure 24 Produce at Downtown Cumberland’s farmers’ markets

- preservation by managing development in rural preservation areas;
- 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 the public-at-large.

COMPARISON OF COUNTY AND STATE GOALS

Generally, and in many ways, specifically, Allegany County’s goals for Agricultural Land Preservation are compatible with the State Goals shown above. Establishing a Priority Preservation Area (PPA) and achieving certification of the County’s program would enable the County to accomplish the State goals regarding public commitment to preservation. The County has effectively protected contiguous blocks of farmland with MALPF easements in the Mount Savage.

PROGRESS SINCE 2017

The Following County goals were stated in the 2017 LPPRP.

GOAL 1 Establish a PPA

2022 PROGRESS

The County has not established a PPA.

GOAL 2 Continue to submit to both Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) and Rural Legacy on an annual basis.

2022 PROGRESS

MALPF applications are submitted every other year per MALPF’s direction.

GOAL 3 Work to become a “Certified” County. Certification allows the County to keep more of the Agricultural Transfer taxes generated within the County.

2022 PROGRESS

The County has not been certified for its preservation activity.

GOAL 4 Continue to encourage property owners to voluntarily participate in Land Preservation Programs through MALPF and Rural Legacy.

2022 PROGRESS

The County’s Division of Land Development Services staff consults with landowners and where applicable, the County’s Land Preservation programs. The County Planning Coordinator is the County “point person” for land subdivision activities which provides additional opportunities to discuss Land Preservation programs. The County Soil Conservation District staff also performs valuable outreach, informing landowners of the possibility of placing their property under preservation easement.

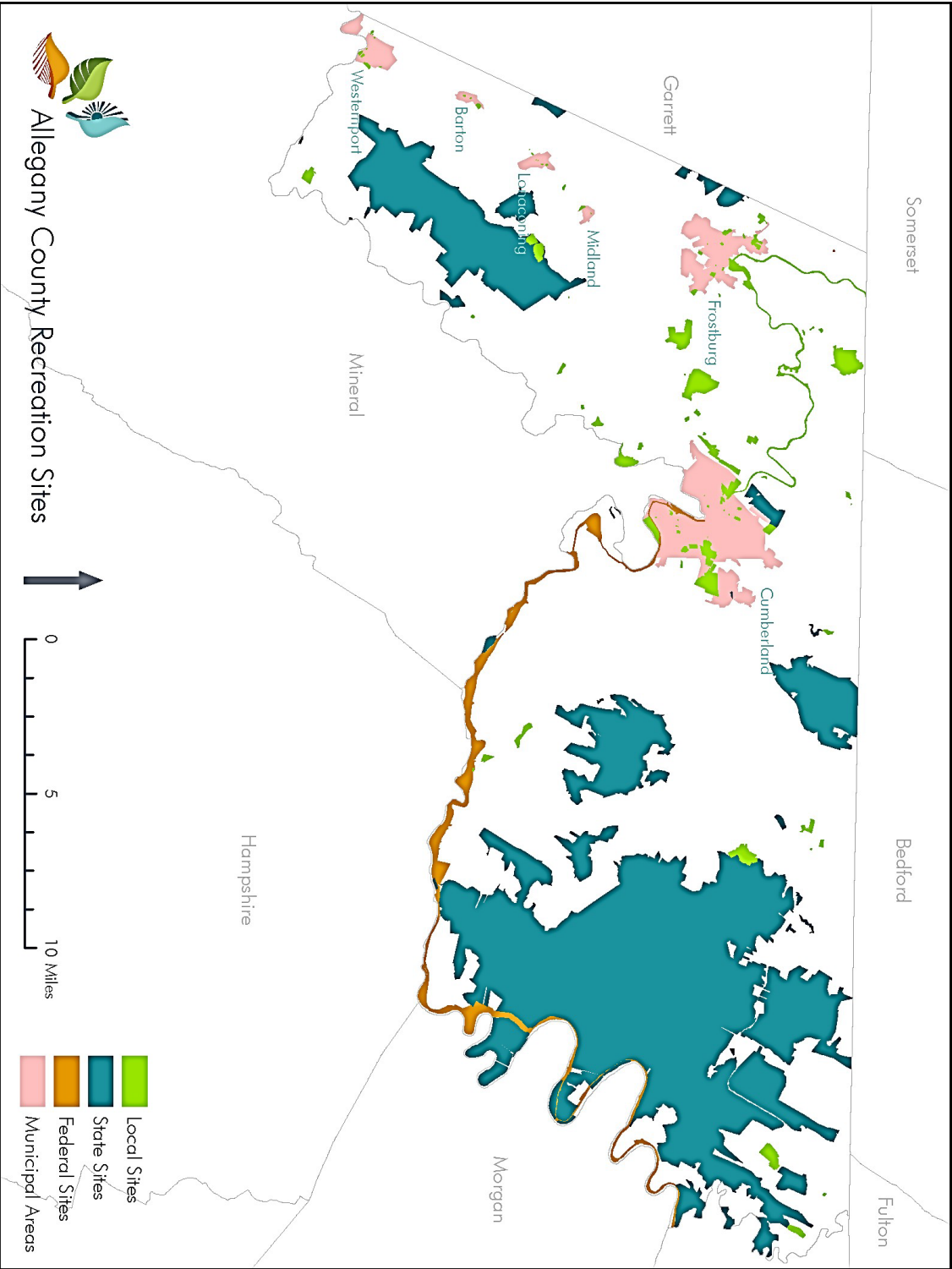
GOAL 5 Maximize areas with increased agricultural value (as depicted in Chapter 9 Agriculture, Forestry and Non-Mineral Resources of the 2014 Allegany County Comprehensive Plan).

2022 PROGRESS

MALPF’s priority is to preserve the most productive soils. Staff works cooperatively with Allegany Soil Conservation District to ensure that the most productive farmland is proposed for preservation.

The 2014 Comprehensive Plan goals related to farmland and forest protection include objectives and recommendations that are the Counties strategy for accomplishing them

Appendix A – Overview Map



Appendix B – Program Open Space Projects FY 2018- 2022

FY Year	Sponsor	Project	100%	POS Funds 90%	10% Match
2018	Beall Elementary School PTO	Beall Elementary School Playground Phase 2	38,500.00	35,000.00	3,500.00
2018	City of Cumberland	Constitution Park Long Ballfield Improvements	99,000.00	90,000.00	9,000.00
2018	Town of Barton	Meadow Ballfield Improvements	14,300.00	13,000.00	1,300.00
2018	Allegheny College of Maryland	Tennis Court Renovation and Lighting	88,000.00	80,000.00	8,000.00
2018	Finlstone Elementary School	ADA Playground	38,500.00	35,000.00	3,500.00
2018	Town of Westport	Maryland Avenue Playground Improvements	22,000.00	20,000.00	2,000.00
2018	Oldtown Community Center Inc.	Concession, Playground, and Trak Improvements	7,700.00	7,000.00	700.00
2018	City of Frostburg	Community Park Pool Deck	7,700.00	7,000.00	700.00
2018	Town of Midland	Church Street Playground Pavilion	22,000.00	20,000.00	2,000.00
2018	LayVale Civic Improvement Assoc.	District Park Basketball and Parking Lot Paving	18,700.00	17,000.00	1,700.00
2018	Bel Air Elementary School	School Playground	99,000.00	90,000.00	9,000.00
2019	Allegheny College of Maryland	Soccer Field	81,000.00	38,310.00	8,100.00
2019	Allegheny County DPW	Fairgrounds Restroom	150,000.00	135,000.00	15,000.00
2019	City of Cumberland	Long Baseball Field at Constitution Park (Phase II)	120,000.00	60,000.00	12,000.00
2019	City of Frostburg	City Place Renovations	33,000.00	29,700.00	3,300.00
2019	Cresaptown Elementary PTO	Cresaptown Elementary TOT Playground	81,250.00	60,000.00	8,125.00
2019	Finlstone Civic Improvement Assoc.	Remove & Replace Concession Building	34,757.00	31,282.00	3,475.70
2019	Fort Hill Athletics	Greenway Ave Stadium Trak & Turf Rehab	660,000.00	150,000.00	66,000.00
2019	LayVale Athletics Association	Outfield Fences & Concrete Pad (Bleachers 2020)	11,128.00	10,015.00	1,112.80
2019	Piney Plains VFD	Ballfield Renovation	10,000.00	9,000.00	1,000.00
2019	Potomac Valley Athletic Association	Baseball Field Backstop and Fence	27,000.00	15,000.00	2,700.00
2019	Shart VFD	Pavilion	15,000.00	10,000.00	1,500.00
2019	Town of Barton	Dugouts for Barton Little League Field (near 23805 Hill St)	17,500.00	15,750.00	1,750.00
2019	Town of Luke	Play Structure at Former Ballfield	12,000.00	10,800.00	1,200.00
2019	Town of Midland	Baseball Field Improvements to McLeigh's Field	10,000.00	9,000.00	1,000.00
2020	Bleachers Team Benches, Goals & Other Equipment	Recreation Facilities Countywide	81,000.00	103,047.00	8,100.00
2020	Mt. Pleasant Park Field Use Conversions	City of Frostburg	81,000.00	72,900.00	8,100.00
2020	Holly Ave Concession & Storage Building & Bleachers	LayVale Athletic Association	118,250.00	60,000.00	11,825.00
2020	Hoffman Park Trail & Playground	City of Frostburg	54,000.00	216,000.00	5,400.00
2020	Cresaptown Sports Complex Competition	Cresaptown Civic Improvement	15,336.00	13,802.00	1,533.60
2020	Basketball	Potomac Valley Athletic Association	40,091.00	35,000.00	4,099.10
2020	Renovate Weber Building	Town of Barton	20,935.00	19,000.00	2,093.50
2020	Hill Street Little League Baseball Field Improvements	Allegheny College of Maryland	50,000.00	45,000.00	5,000.00
2020	Bobcat Arena Renovations	Frostburg State University	1,300,020.00	95,000.00	1,100,020.00
2020	South Penn Elementary Community Playground	South Penn Elementary - PTA	112,392.00	25,000.00	11,239.20
2020	Boat Launch Acquisition			40,000.00	895.00
2020	Prospect Square Acquisition	Big Lane Basketball Improvements	8,950.00	8,055.00	895.00
2021	Town of Midland	Baker Memorial Park Improvements IV	19,000.00	17,100.00	1,900.00

2021	Town of Barton	Barton Playground Upgrades	14,000.00	12,600.00	1,400.00
2021	Mt.Savage Athletic Association	Moss Cottage Grandstand & Site Improvements	26,300.00	23,670.00	2,630.00
2021	Frostburg State University	Frostburg State University Bobcat Track Resurfacing	350,291.00	100,000.00	250,291.00
2021	Flinstone Civic Improvement Association	Flinstone Fencing	17,780.00	16,002.00	1,778.00
2021	Elierstle Athletic Association	Elierstle Community Park Upgrades	50,000.00	45,000.00	5,000.00
2021	Cressapown Civic Improvement	Reroofing Hudson Field Dugouts	2,250.00	2,025.00	225.00
2021	Cressapown Civic Improvement	Reroofing Opessa Concession Building	6,000.00	5,400.00	600.00
2021	City of Frostburg	Hoffman Park Concession Restroom Building	24,000.00	21,600.00	2,400.00
2021	City of Frostburg	Hoffman Park Ballfield Improvements	15,000.00	13,500.00	1,500.00
2021	City of Cumberland	Constitution Park Playground Safety Surfacing	107,800.00	97,000.00	10,800.00
2021	Board of Education	Mt Ridge Turf Replacement	1,050,000.00	150,000.00	900,000.00
2021	Bel Air Citizens Committee	Bel-Air Community Park Walking Track Paving	13,000.00	11,700.00	1,300.00
2021	Bel Air Citizens Committee	Bel-Air Community Park Pickleball Development	16,500.00	14,850.00	1,650.00
2021	Mt.Savage Soccer Association	Moss Cottage Acquisition	Donation	-	-
2021	Allegany County	Fairgrounds Improvements	33,000.00	30,000.00	3,000.00
2021	Allegany College of Maryland	Allegany College of Maryland Walking Track	50,000.00	45,000.00	5,000.00
2022	City of Frostburg	Frostburg Community Park Improvements	58,900.00	58,900.00	-
2022	Oldtown Indians Youth Sports Commission	Oldtown Indians Youth Sports Commission Scoreboard	4,085.00	4,085.00	-
2022	LayVale Athletic Association	LayVale Lions Field Playground Surfacing A&B	13,123.00	13,123.00	-
2022	Bel Air Citizens Committee	Bel Air Community Tennis Courts	26,050.00	26,050.00	-
2022	Town of Luke	Luke Legion Park Restrooms	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
2022	Cressapown Civic Improvement Program	Cressapown Recreational Courts	85,000.00	85,000.00	-
2022	Town of Baton	Barton Parks Improvements Projects	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
2022	Elierstle Athletic Association	Elierstle Community Park Scoreboard and Walking Track	19,000.00	19,000.00	-
2022	Mayor & City Council of Cumberland & Riverside	Masson Sports Complex BMX Track Resurfacing Project	67,200.00	67,200.00	-
2022	Bel Air Citizens Committee	Bel Air Community Pirate Ship Playground	13,343.00	13,343.00	-
2022	Potomac Valley Lions Club	Rawlings Park Stair Repair	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
2022	Potomac Valley Athletic Association	New Fencing for Ballfield	49,125.00	49,125.00	-
2022	Piney Plain Civic Association	Piney Plains Community Park Improvements	71,150.00	71,150.00	-
2022	Allegany County Commissioners	Willowbrook Outdoor Wellness Project	397,461.00	397,461.00	-
2022	City of Frostburg	East End Park Improvements	9,563.00	9,563.00	-
2022	Allegany County BOE	Mountain Ridge Outdoor Basketball Court Improvement	58,500.00	58,500.00	-
2022	Allegany College of MD	Allegany College of MD Public Fitness Enhancement	67,500.00	67,500.00	-
2022	Allegany County BOE	Frost Elementary School Playground	181,000.00	162,900.00	18,100.00
2022	Allegany College of MD Baseball Field Enhancement	Allegany College of MD	209,339.00	188,000.00	20,933.00
2022	Willowbrook Outdoor Wellness Project	Allegany County Commissioners Allegany College of MD	205,243.00	184,719.00	20,524.00
2022	Flinstone Community Park Improvement A&B	Flinstone Civic Improvement Association	25,000.00	22,500.00	2,500.00
2022	Town of Midland Parks & Rec Areas Saratov Limn	Town of Midland	25,000.00	22,500.00	2,500.00

Appendix C - Allegany County Inventory Parks and Recreation Facilities

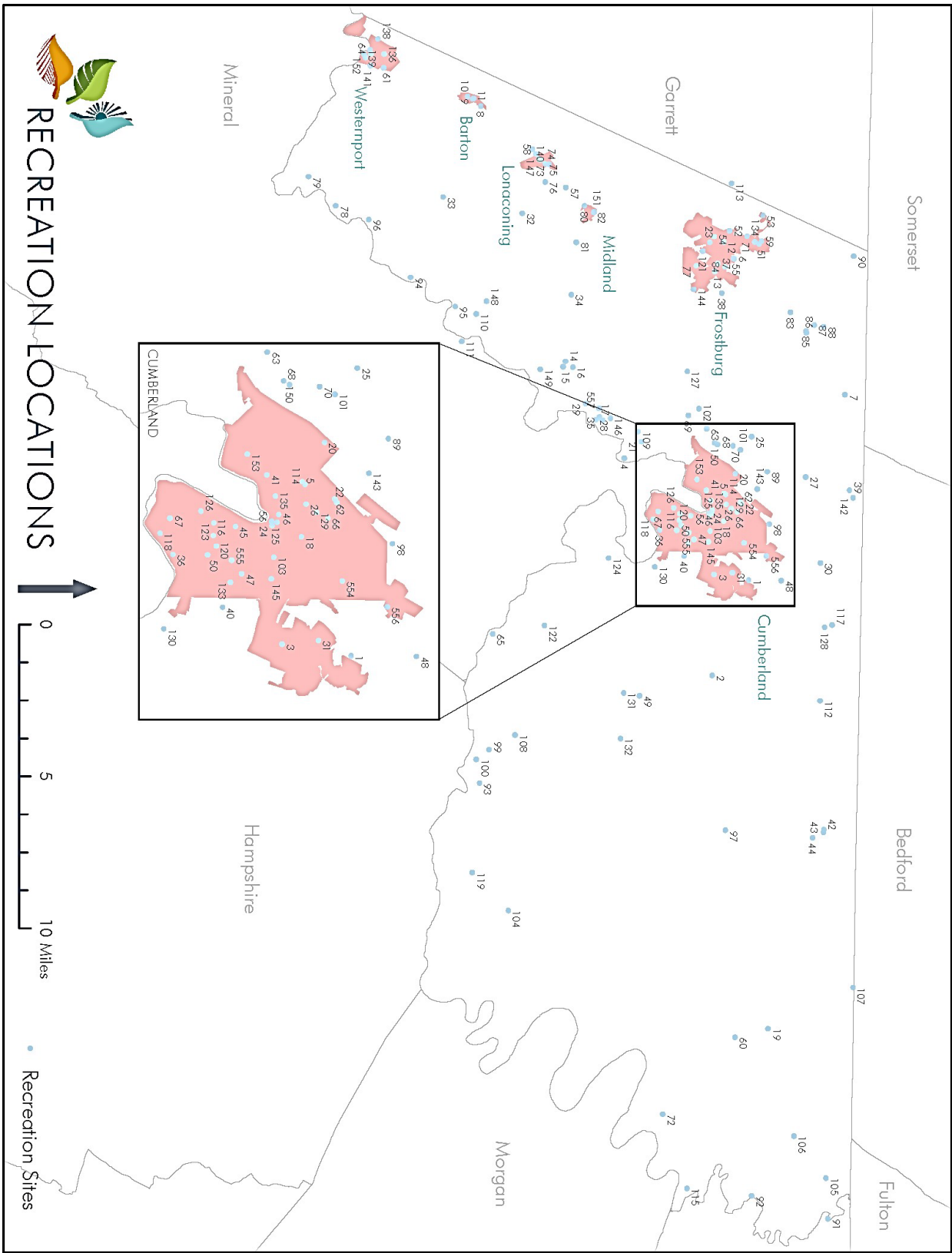
Park Name	Classification	Ownership
Braddock Park	Community Park	Municipality
VFW Ballfield	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Evitts Creek Greenway	Community Park	County
Allegany College of Maryland	Regional Park	County
Cumberland Country Club	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Constitution Park	Large Urban/Regional Park	Municipality
Fort Hill High School	School Recreation Park	County
Washington Middle School	School Recreation Park	County
Frazier Playground	Neighborhood Park	Private Non-Prof
South Penn Elementary	School Recreation Park	County
Smith Park	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Springdale Street Playground	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Taylor Community Athletic Field	Community Park	Municipality
John Humbird Elementary School	School Recreation Park	County
Donahue Field	Community Park	Municipality
South End Recreation Area	Community Park	Municipality
Fort Cumberland Playground	Neighborhood Park	Private Non-Prof
Allegheny Highlands Trail	Regional Park	County
LaVale Lions Field	Community Park	County
Toll Gate House	Historical/Cultural Area/Sit	County
Ellerslie Community Park	Community Park	County
Corriganville Ballfield	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Mount Savage School	School Recreation Park	County
Mount Savage Passive Recreation	Community Park	County
Mount Savage Community Park	Community Park	County
Mount Savage Little League Field	Community Park	Private other
Moss Cottage Ballfield	Community Park	Private - Other
Cresaptown Community Park	Community Park	County
Bel Air Elementary	School Recreation Park	County
Bel Air Community Park	Community Park	County
Barton Golf Driving Range	Community Park	Private - other
Fore Sisters Golf Club	Community Park	Private - other
Rawlings Community Park	Community Park	County
C & O Canal National Historical	National Park	Federal
Bishop Walsh High School	School Recreation Park	Private Non-Prof
Potomac Park Ballfield	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Liberty Field	Community Park	Private - Other
Cresaptown Elementary	School Recreation Park	County

West Side Elementary School	School Recreation Park	County
Fairmont Avenue Recreation Area	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Ridgedale Playground	Neighborhood Park	
George Washington Headquarters	Historical/Cultural Area/Sit	Municipality
Sundial Park	Historical/Cultural Area/Sit	Municipality
Fort Cumberland Trail	Historical/Cultural Area/Sit	Municipal
Centre Street Recreation Area	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Braddock Middle School	School Recreation Park	County
Holland Street Park	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Jaycees Recreation Area	Community Park	Municipality
Valley Street Park	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Benjamin Bannecker Playground	Neighborhood Park	Private Non-Prof
Pine Avenue Playground	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Allegany High School	School Recreation Park	County
Sedgewick Street Recreation Area	Community Park	Municipality
Midland Parklet	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Church Street Park	Neighborhood Park	Private - other
Barton Recreation Park	Community Park	Municipality
Barton School Memorial Park	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Barton Center Parklet	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Barton Ballfield	Community Park	Municipality
Westernport Municipal Park	Community Park	Municipality
Westernport Downtown Park	Community Park	Municipality
Greene's Addition Playground	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Westernport Creekside Park	Community Park	Municipality
Westernport Memorial Park	Community Park	Municipality
Lonaconing Recreation Area	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Westmar High School	School Recreation Park	County
Lonaconing Horseshoe Pits	Community Park	Municipal
Lonaconing Trap Club	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Dans Mountain State Park	State Park	State
Dans Rock Overlook Park	Special Use Area	County
Clarysville-Eckhart Community Park	Community Park	County
Beall Elementary	School Recreation Park	County
Frostburg Community Park	Community Park	Municipality
Frostburg West End Park	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Frost Elementary	School Recreation Park	County
Frostburg Lions Park	Community Park	Municipality
Paris Glendenning Recreation Complex	Community Park	Municipal
Spring Street Park	Community Park	Municipality
LaVale District Park	Community Park	County
La Vale Swim Club	Community Park	Private - other
Ort Field	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Holly Avenue Recreation Area	Community Park	County
LaVale VFD Ballfield	Community Park	Private Non-Prof

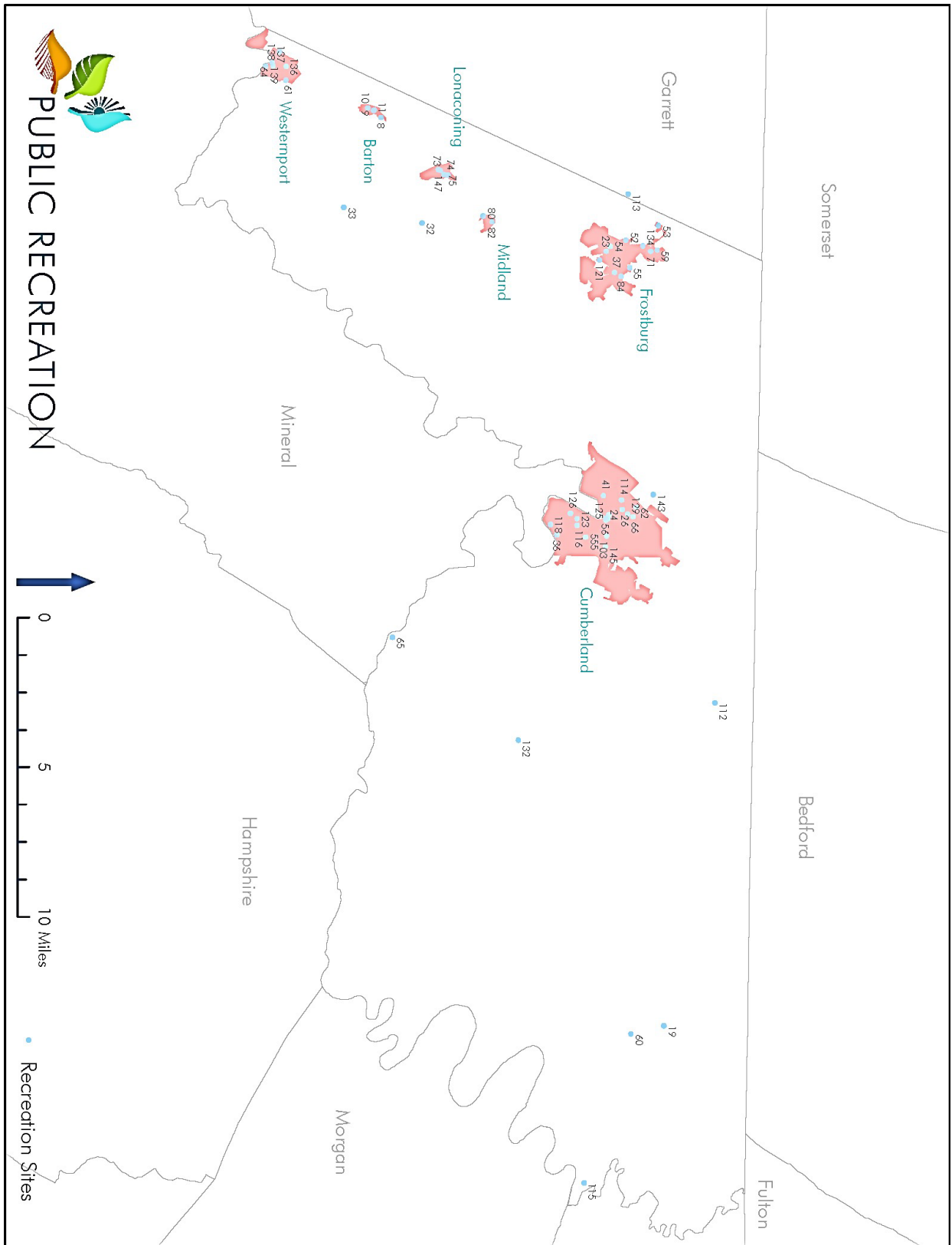
Parkside Elementary	School Recreation Park	County
Midland Municipal Ballfield	Community Park	Municipality
Georges Creek Elementary	School Recreation Park	County
Lonaconing Furnace Park	Historical/Cultural Area/Sit	Municipality
Westernport Elementary	School Recreation Park	County
Maplehurst Country Club	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Mountain Ridge High School	School Recreation Park	County
East End Playground	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
Mount Pleasant Recreation Park	Community Park	Municipality
Islands of the Potomac Wildlife	State Wildlife Management Ar	State
Billmeyer Wildlife Management Area	State Wildlife Management Ar	State
Nature Conservancy #3 Sideling	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Frostburg Mountainside Recreation	Community Park	Municipality
Green Ridge State Forest	State Forest	State
Nature Conservancy #6 Rawlings	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Dans Mountain Wildlife Management	State Wildlife Management Ar	State
Nature Conservancy #5 Black Oak	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Savage River State Forest	State Forest	State
Nature Conservancy #2 Sideling	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Sideling Hill Wildlife Management	State Wildlife Management Ar	State
Nature Conservancy #7 Fort Hill	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Warrior Mountain Wildlife Manag	State Wildlife Management Ar	State
Cash Valley Elementary	School Recreation Park	County
Wills Mountain State Park	State Park	State
Nature Conservancy #1 Finzel Swamp	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Frostburg State University	Regional Park	State
Westmar Middle School	School Recreation Park	County
Nature Conservancy #4 Oldtown	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Little Orleans Campground	Special Use Area	Private - Other
Nature Conservancy #8 Town Creek	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Frostburg Trail	Community Park	Municipal
Oldtown Community Park	Community Park	County
Oldtown School	Community Park	County
Flintstone Community Park	Community Park	County
Flintstone Annex	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Flintstone School	School Recreation Park	County
St. Mary's Field	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Piney Plains School Rec. Area	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Piney Plains Ballfield	Community Park	County
Spring Valley Fishing Lake	Special Use Area	Private - Other
Rocky Gap State Park	State Park	State
Potomac Council B.S.A.	Regional Park	Private Non-Prof
Union Grove Campgrounds	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Ali Ghan Country Club	Special Use Area	Private Non-Prof
Wills Creek Greenway	Special Use Area	County

Smouse Memorial Park	Community Park	County
Eckhart Center	School Recreation Park	County
Bel Air Swim Club	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Belt Field	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Darrows Lane Recreation Complex	Community Park	Private Non-Prof
Bowling Green Community Park	Community Park	County
Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Warrior Mountain Sportsmen's Club	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
South End Rod and Gun Club	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Pine Knob Hunting Club	Special Use Area	Private Non-Prof
Piney Run Gun Club	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Allegany Beagle Club	Special Use Area	Private Non-Prof
Cumberland Bow Hunters Club	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Narrows Scenic Park	Natural Resource Area	County
Barrelville Outdoor Club	Natural Resource Area	Private Non-Prof
Midland Sportsman Club	Special Use Area	Private Non-Prof
Georges Creek Greenway	Community Park	County
Howard Street Park	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
McCoole Community Park	Community Park	County
Mapleshade Rod and Gun Club	Special Use Area	Private Non-Prof
Rawlings Heights Racquet Club	Special Use Area	Private - Other
Leiper Park		
Allegany County Fairgrounds	Regional Park	County
Lonaconing Downtown Parklet	Neighborhood Park	Municipality
North East Elementary	School Recreation Park	County
Rocky Gap State Park Boat Ramp	Water Access	DNR
Spring Gap	Water Access	National Park Service
Fifteen Mile Creek	Water Access	National Park Service
Bond's Landing- Green Ridge State Forest	Water Access	DNR
Allegany County Fairgrounds Boat Access	Water Access	County
Gary Yoder Soft Launch	Water Access	DNR
McCoole Boat Access	Water Access	DNR
Western Soft Access	Water Access	Town of Westernport
Eugene Mason Sports Complex Boat Access	Water Access	City of Cumberland
Rocky Gap Sate Park Soft Access	Water Access	DNR
Potomac River Industrial Park Boat Ramp	Water Access	County

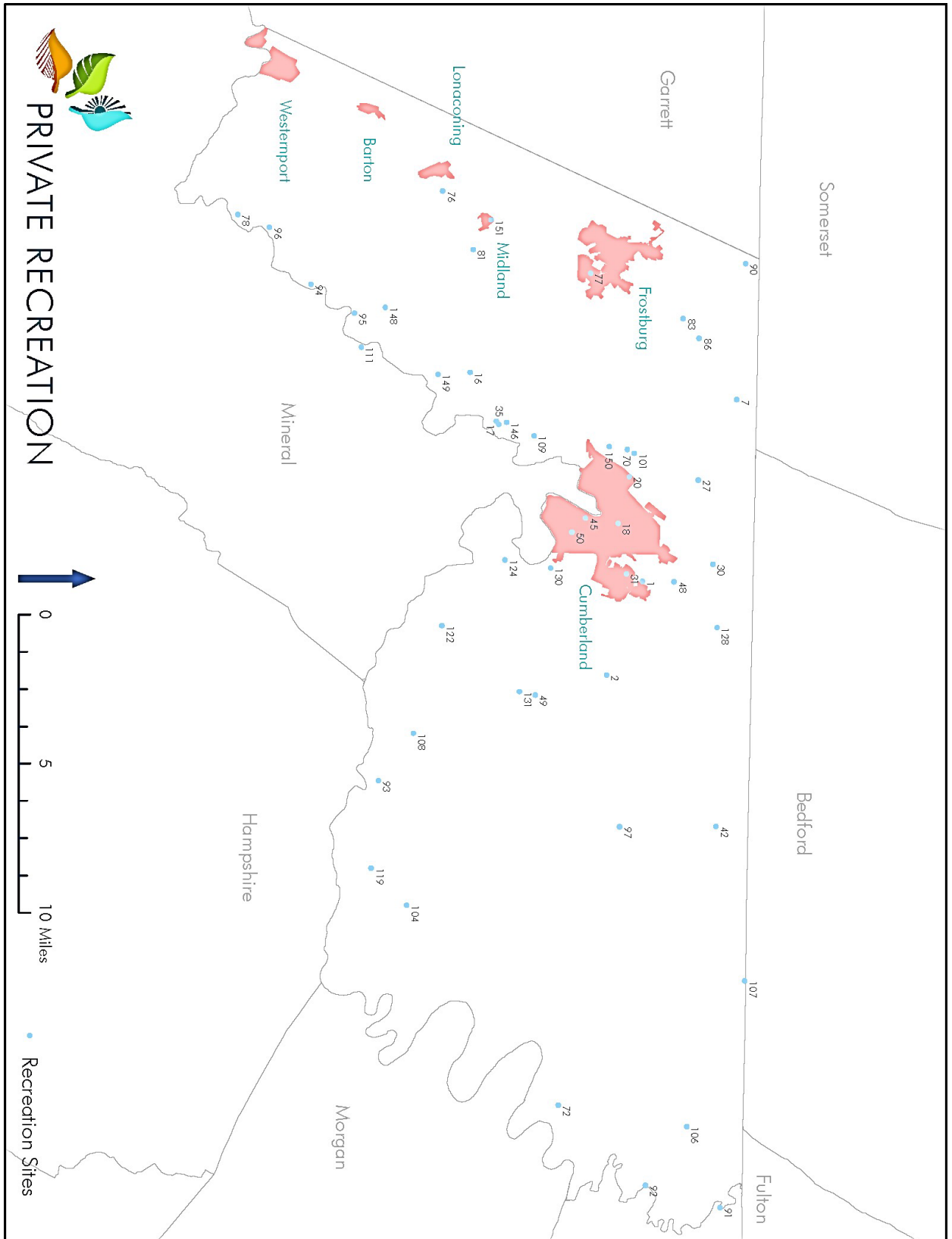
Appendix D – Recreation Sites Inventory Map



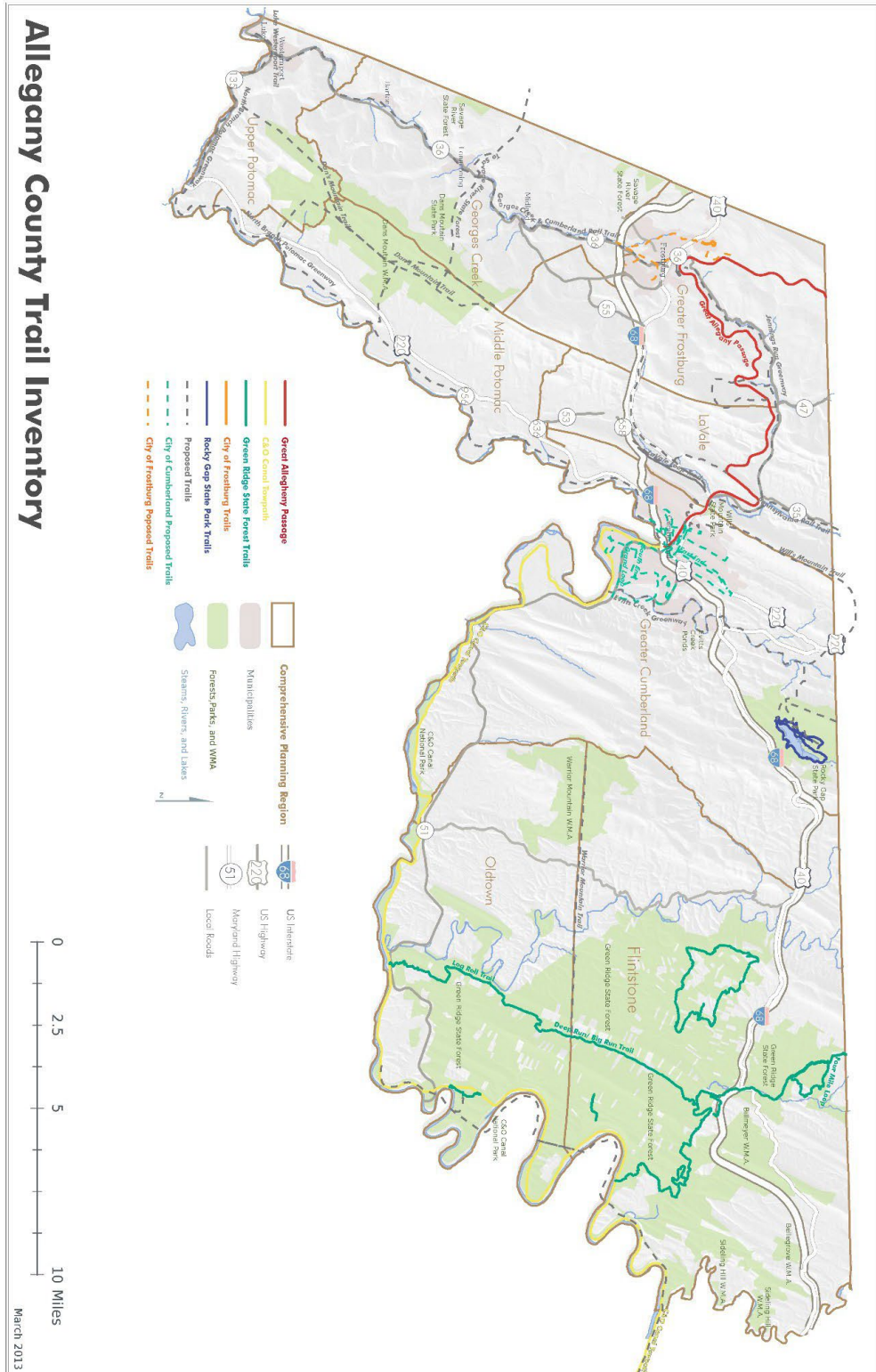
Appendix E – Recreation Sites Inventory Map Public Sites



Appendix F - Recreation Sites Inventory Map Private



Appendix G -Trail Inventory Map



Appendix H: Western Maryland Woodland and Wildlife Management Survey

WESTERN MARYLAND WOODLAND AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SURVEY

October 16, 2018

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OVERVIEW OF RESPONDERS

The survey was mailed in September 2018 to a random sample of 2,000 western Maryland landowners from a pool of 4,083 private individuals with ten acres or more. We then mailed a reminder postcard approximately 2 weeks after the initial survey was sent.

We received 344 responses by October 8th, 2018, or a 17.2% response rate. Of these, 68% (234 landowners) indicated that they would like to learn more about habitat management for wildlife on their land. The average acres (as indicated by tax data) of the total population of private landowners in western Maryland is 72.63 acres, with a median of 35.90 and standard deviation of 134.61. The average acres of survey responders (as indicated by tax data) is 71.16, with a median of 41.27 acres and a standard deviation of 82.83 acres. This suggests that our survey data is likely representative of the population of western Maryland landowners when considering tax-reported total acres, but that fewer very large landowners answered our survey than are in the population. However, our sample *may not* be representative of the whole when considering type of landowner; for example, unengaged landowners may be less likely to respond and landowners who care about their land or are active on their land may be more likely to respond because this sort of survey would interest them. In addition, landowners that trust MD DNR and/or TNC may be more likely to respond due to branding. We did attempt to minimize response bias by offering an incentive of three randomly selected gift card winners.

DEMOGRAPHICS

GENDER (Q13)

Eight out of ten respondents (80%) were male and two out of ten (20%) were female.

AGE (Q12)

The plurality of respondents (48%) were between ages 40-65, 48% were over age 65, and 4% were under age 40.

RETIREMENT STATUS (Q14)

Just over half of respondents (53%) were retired and 47% were not retired.

OWNERSHIP (Q1)

All respondents confirmed that they are landowners in either Garrett or Allegany. Most respondents (57%) own land in Garrett County only, 41% own land in Allegany County only, and 2% of respondents own land in both counties.

NUMBER OF PARCELS

The mean number of parcels is 2.1 and the median is 1. The majority (53%) of respondents have one parcel. About one quarter (26%) have two parcels, 12% have three parcels, 4% have four parcels, 2% have five parcels, 1% have six parcels, 1% have seven parcels, and one landowner (.32%) has eight, nine, seventeen, 33 and 34 parcels.

NUMBER OF ACRES

The mean number of total acres is 89.4 and the median is 48, with a range of 2.5-1325 acres. The middle fifty percent of respondents owns between 22 and 100 acres.

NUMBER OF FORESTED ACRES

The mean number of forested acres is 62.37 and the median is 30 acres, with a range of 0-900 forested acres. The middle fifty percent of respondents own between 15 and 69.5 forested acres. On average, 72.7% of landowners' total acres are forested.

LENGTH OF OWNERSHIP (Q3)

The mean length of ownership is 40.67 years, the median is 28 years, and the range is 1-250 years. The middle fifty percent of respondents have owned their land between 15 and 57 years.

RESIDENCE (Q2)

Half of respondents reside on their wooded property, 18.34% live near their wooded property (less than 30 miles away) and 31.66% of respondents have their primary residence far from their wooded property. On average, people who don't live on their wooded property visit 35 times a year, but most visit less; the median number of annual visits is 12 and the middle fifty percent visit 4 to 30 times per year.

Of those who live away but under 30 miles from their woods, the median number of annual visits is 50, and the middle fifty percent visit between 20 and 120 times per year. For those who live more than 30 miles away, the median number of annual visits is nine, and the middle fifty percent visit between three and 20 times per year.

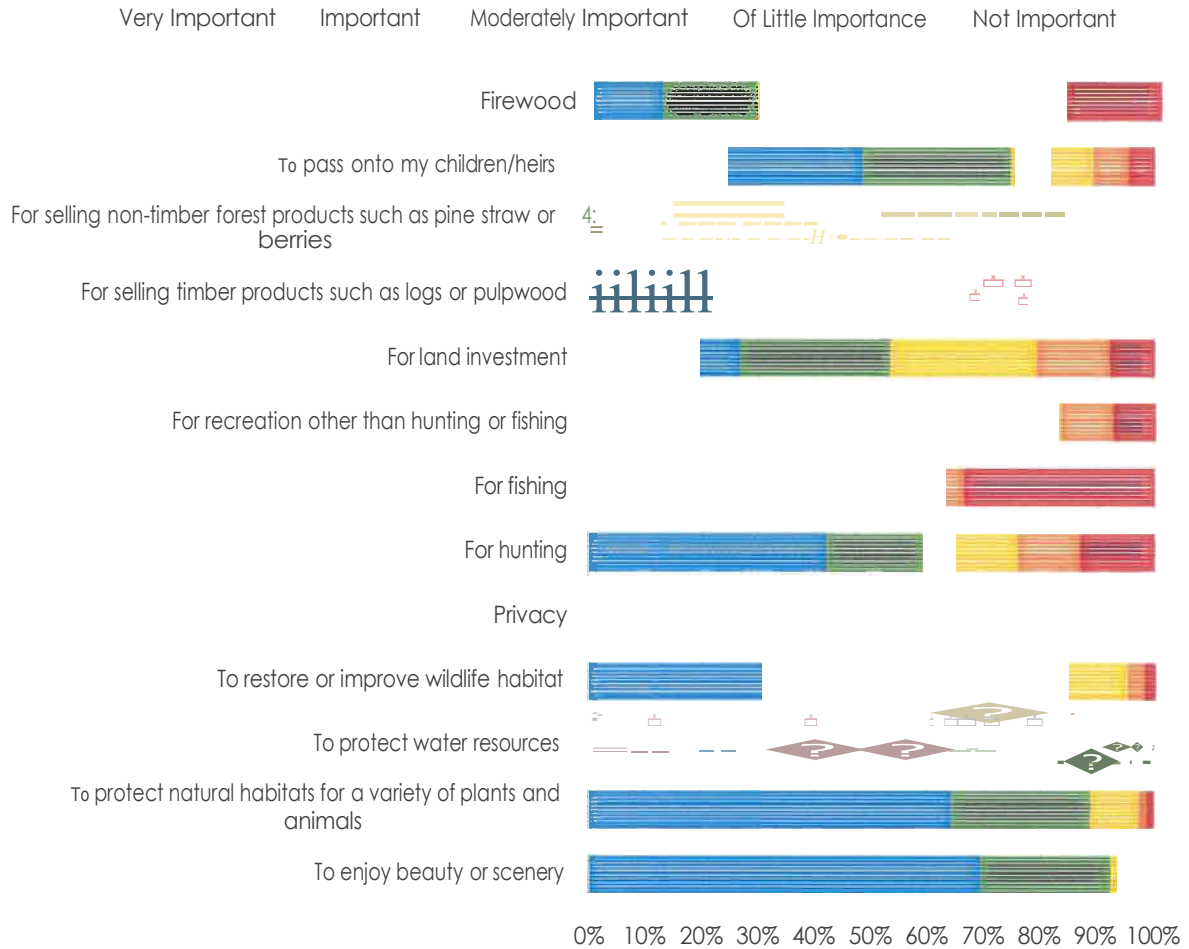
For those who do not live on their wooded land, 48.09% have a vacation home or cabin on their wooded land and 51.91% do not.

REASONS FOR OWNERSHIP (Q4)

The most important factor when it comes to respondents' wooded land is to enjoy beauty or scenery, with 69% of respondents rating it as very important and an additional 23% rating it as important. The next most important factor was to protect natural habitats for a variety of plants and animals, with 64% rating it as very important and an additional 24% rating it as important.

The least important factor is selling non-timber forest products; only 2% rate it as very important or important; the majority rate it as of little importance (29%) or not at all important (59%). The second least important factor is for selling timber products. Again, the majority rate it as of little importance (25%) or not important (33%), 23% rate it as moderately important, 11% as important, and 7% as very important.

Q4. HOW IMPORTANT ARE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR FAMILY WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR WOODLAND LAND?

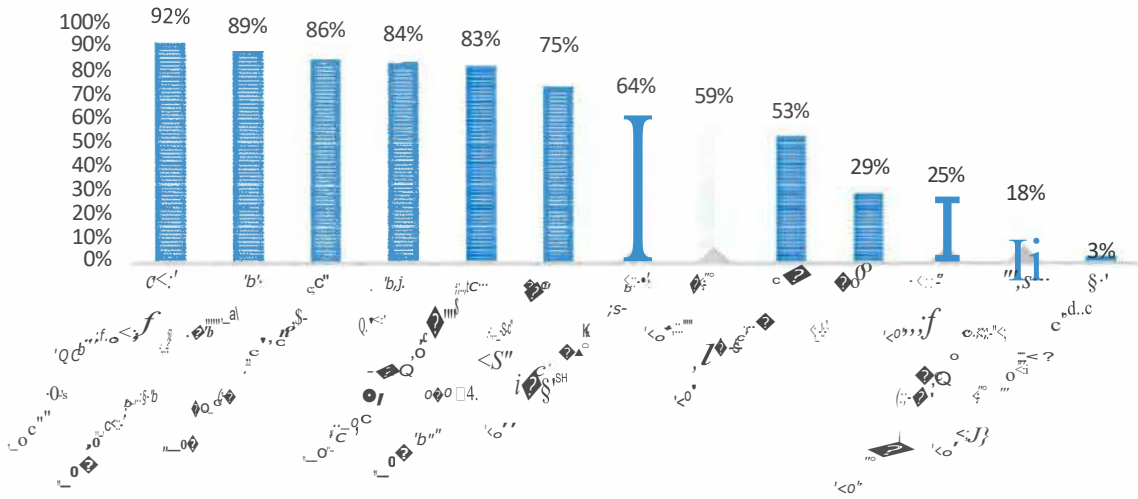


Q4. How important are each of the following for your family when it comes to your woodland land?						
	Very Important	Important	Moderately Important	Of Little Importance	Not Important	Mean Importance Rating*
To enjoy beauty of scenery	69%	23%	6%	1%	1%	4.587
To provide a natural habitat for a variety of plants and animals	64%	24%	9%	1%	1%	4.491
To protect water resources	60%	26%	10%	2%	2%	4.404
To provide a natural habitat for wildlife	57%	28%	10%	3%	3%	4.325
To provide an important natural habitat	55%	27%	13%	3%	2%	4.3035
To provide a natural habitat for wildlife	32%	32%	20%	9%	7%	3.7128
For hunting	42%	17%	17%	11%	13%	3.6391
For fishing	13%	12%	16%	25%	34%	2.4545
For other reasons	27%	26%	26%	13%	8%	3.514
For other reasons	7%	11%	23%	25%	33%	2.338
For other reasons	0%	2%	10%	29%	59%	1.5686
For other reasons	49%	26%	15%	6%	5%	4.0785
For other reasons	13%	17%	29%	25%	17%	2.8302

*Mean importance rating is the average value of importance rating for each reason, where "very important" = 5, "important" = 4, "moderately important" = 3, "of little importance" = 2 and "not important" = 1

Q4. HOW IMPORTANT ARE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR FAMILY WHEN IT COMES TO YOUR WOODLAND LAND?

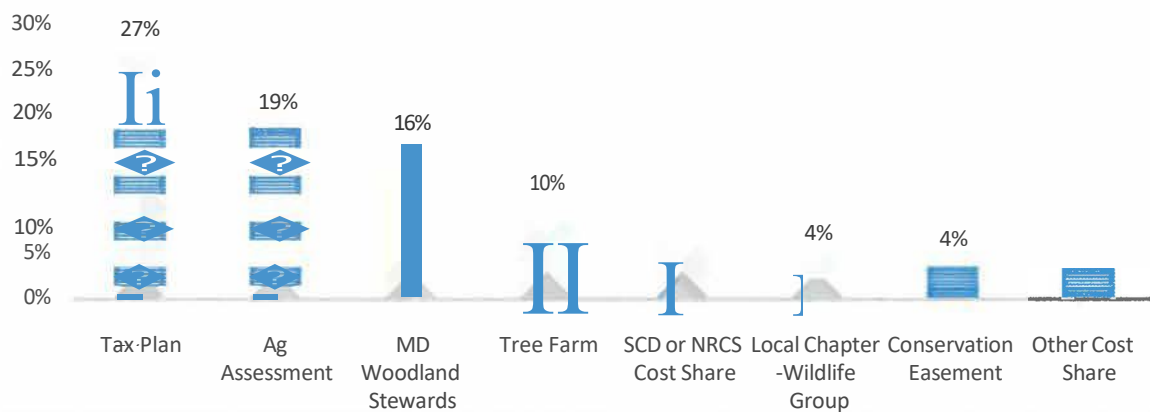
PERCENT OF LANDOWNERS WHO ANSWERED VERY IMPORTANT OR IMPORTANT



PARTICIPATION IN LANDOWNER PROGRAMS/GROUPS (QS)

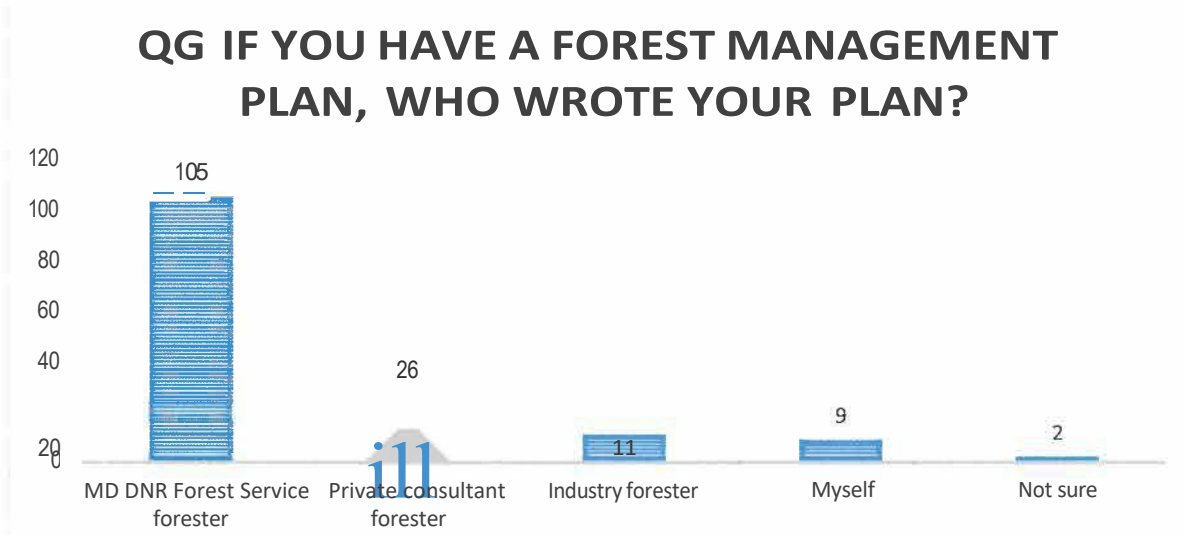
Approximately half (50.58%) of respondents participate in at least one of the listed landowner programs, and the other 49.42% do not participate in any (or do not know). The most highly participated-in program is Woodland Assessment Program (aka Tax Plan) with 26.65% of respondents participating, followed by the Agricultural Assessment Program at 18.79% participation, then Maryland Woodland Stewards, at 16.14% participation. The least participated-in program is state cost share programs (other than NRCS or Soil Conservation District) at only 3.34% participation, followed by conservation easement at only 3.63% participation.

QS WHAT LANDOWNER PROGRAMS DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN, IF ANY?



FOREST MANAGEMENT PLANS (Q6)

Nearly half of all respondents (46.75%) have a Forest Management Plan, 50% do not, and 3.25% are not sure. Of those who have a forest management plan, the majority (68.63%) were written by a Maryland DNR Forest Service forester. Private consultant foresters wrote 16.99% of plans, industry foresters wrote 7.19%, the landowners wrote their own plans 5.88% of the time, and 1.31% of landowners were not sure who wrote their plan.



INCOME-GENERATING LAND USE (Q7)

AGRICULTURE

Approximately 32% of respondents farm or lease their land to others for agricultural production and 68% do not. Of those who do farm or lease their land for farming, the middle fifty percent have about 10-49 acres in agricultural production.

ACRES IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

Mean	Median	Minimum	Maximum
38.93	21	1	350

HUNTING LEASES

Only 2.42% of respondents lease their land to others for hunting, and those who do lease an average of 87% of their total land.

TIMBER HARVEST

Nearly half (44.74%) of respondents have ever harvested timber on their land. Of those, 38% harvested in the last ten years, 36% harvested between 10 to 20 years ago, and 27% harvested over 20 years ago.

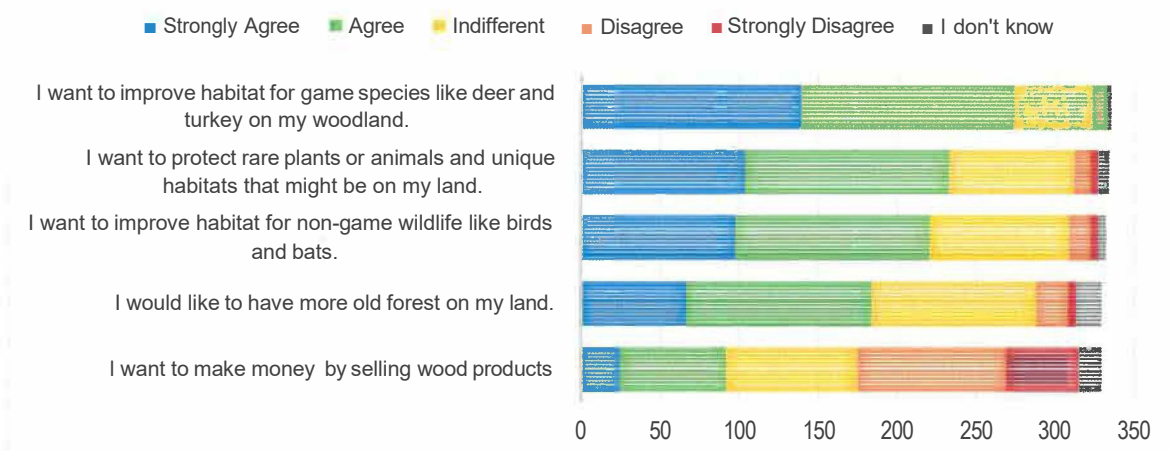
LANDOWNER GOALS (Q8)

The survey asked landowners about their goals and desires for what they want to get out of their land through a series of agree/disagree statements. The most-commonly reported desire was to improve habitat for game species like deer and turkey, with 82% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing. The next most common goal was to protect rare plants or animals and unique habitats that might be on their land, with 70% agreeing or strongly agreeing. The least most common goal was to make money by selling wood products; only 28% agreed or strongly agreed with this statement.

Q8. Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following statements.								
	%Agree or Strongly Agree	Strongly Agree	Agree	Indifferent	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	I don't know	Mean Agreement Rating*
I want to make money by selling wood products	28%	8%	20%	25%	29%	14%	4%	2.78
I would like to have more old forest on my land	56%	20%	36%	32%	6%	2%	5%	3.71
I want to improve habitat for non-game wildlife like birds and bats	67%	30%	37%	27%	4%	2%	2%	3.91
I want to protect rare plants or animals and unique habitats that might be on my land	70%	31%	39%	24%	3%	1%	2%	3.97
I want to improve habitat for game species like deer and turkey on my woodland	82%	41%	40%	15%	2%	1%	1%	4.21

*Mean agreement rating is the average value of agreement rating for each reason, where "strongly agree" = 5, "agree" = 4, "indifferent" = 3, "disagree" = 2 and "strongly disagree" = 1

Q8. LANDOWNER GOALS/DESIRES



COORDINATION WITH NEIGHBORS (Q8)

Most respondents (35.2%) are indifferent about whether they talk to their neighbors about land management. Approximately 30% agree or strongly agree that they do talk to their neighbors about land management, while another 29% disagree or strongly disagree. The remaining 6% are not sure.

Even fewer respondents coordinate land management activities such as boundary marking, invasive species control, or timber harvesting with their neighbors. About one quarter (25.62%) of respondents agree or strongly agree that they coordinate land management with their neighbors, while 29.3% are indifferent, 37.65% disagree, and 7.4% are not sure.

LANDOWNER PROPENSITY FOR ACTIVITIES (Q9)

Leaving out the landowners who selected "N/A", the most common activity that landowners have done recently is to leave some dead and dying wood standing for food and nesting habitat (33% have done this recently, and an additional 3% have plans to do soon, and only 5% would not do this). The next most common activity that landowners have done recently is to remove invasive plants (20% have done recently, 6% have plans to do soon, and 9% would not do this).

The most common activity that landowners "probably would do" (representing high landowner interest in the activity but not a lot of prior action or plans to do) is to avoid timber harvesting and/or road construction in unique habitats (59% probably would do), followed by restore and maintain forest along streams that pass through my land (58% probably would do). The other two "avoidance" activities also ranked highly in this category (limit construction of roads to avoid breaking up habitat and avoid timber harvesting and/or road construction during breeding season), at 56% of people saying they probably would do them.

The activities people are *least* likely to do include have a professional inventory their land for rare plants and animals (34% would not do), have a professional map wildlife features on their land (32% would not do), and attend a workshop or training (31% would not do). It is interesting to note, however, is that 36% of people might attend a workshop or training and 27% of people probably would attend one, while only 6% of people have attended one or

plan to in the near future. This suggests that there may be significant interest in workshops but that they are not currently offered (or not currently marketed well).

Q9. Which of the following activities would you consider on your wooded land?					
	Would not do	Might do	Probably would do	Have plans to do soon	Have done recently
Read information about protecting or restoring wildlife habitat on my land	9%	24%	44%	5%	18%
Consult with a professional about activities I could do on my land	26%	27%	33%	3%	11%
Have a professional map wildlife features on my land	32%	29%	34%	1%	4%
Have a professional inventory my land for rare plants and animals	34%	30%	30%	1%	5%
Attend a workshop or training	31%	36%	27%	2%	4%
Leave some dead and dying wood standing for food and nesting habitat	5%	19%	39%	3%	33%
Manage for native trees only	18%	34%	34%	2%	11%
Limit construction of roads on my land to avoid breaking up connected forest	9%	19%	56%	1%	14%
Remove invasive plants	9%	26%	40%	6%	20%
Manage for a variety of tree and shrub species	13%	35%	35%	3%	14%
Cut some trees to increase the diversity of tree ages and sizes on my land	12%	31%	36%	4%	17%
Control deer populations on my land to reduce impacts on young trees and other vegetation	23%	30%	27%	7%	13%
Avoid timber harvesting and/or road construction during breeding seasons	13%	21%	56%	1%	8%
Avoid timber harvesting and/or road construction in unique habitats	10%	23%	59%	1%	7%
Restore and maintain forest along streams that pass through	6%	21%	58%	2%	13%

** Note: this table excludes the respondents that answered NIA/or each activity.

BARRIERS/CHALLENGES (Q10)

The largest barrier in caring for land to support wildlife is that the cost of implementing practices is too high; about 39% of respondents agree that this is a challenge. About 22% of respondents don't know whether the cost of

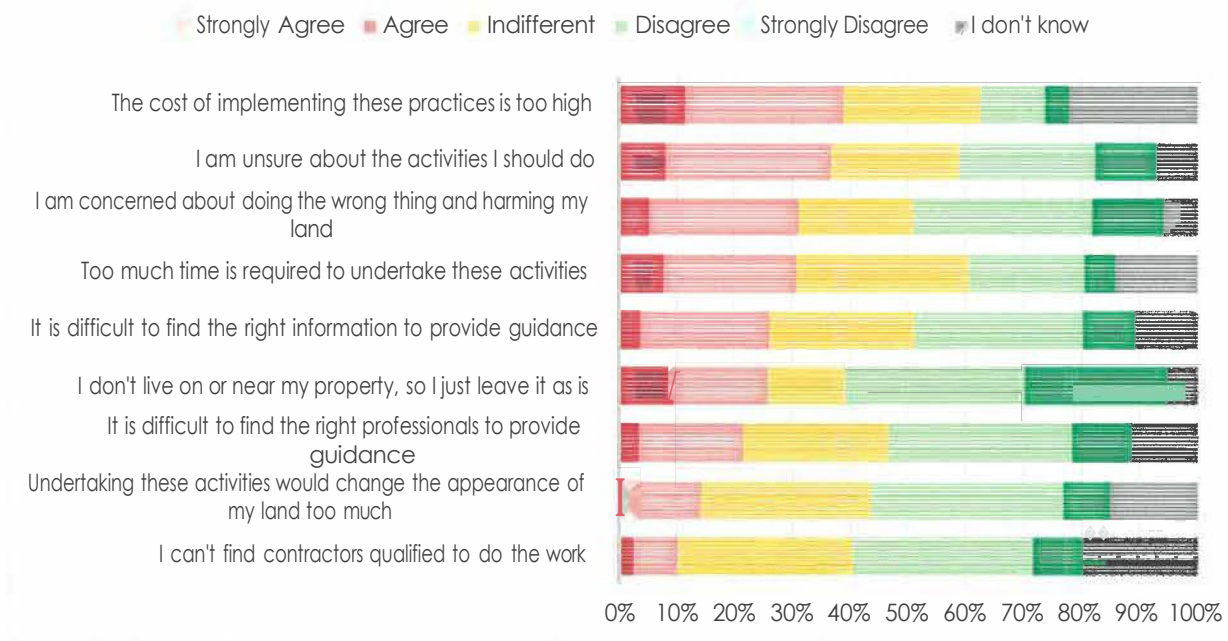
implementing these practices is too high, and an additional 24% are indifferent about cost as a challenge, suggesting a high lack of awareness around how much these practices may cost.

The second and third highest barriers are around knowledge/confidence. Approximately 37% of respondents are unsure about the activities they should do, and 31% are concerned about doing the wrong thing and harming their land.

In general, landowners do not seem to view finding contractors as a challenge they face in caring for their land to support wildlife; only 10% of respondents view this as a barrier. However, this data point could also suggest that people haven't wanted to hire contractors. In addition, most people do not believe that undertaking activities would change the appearance of their land too much (or do not view it as a challenge); only 14% view that as a challenge they face in caring for their land to support wildlife.

In the graph below, the barriers are ranked by % of respondents who agreed or strongly agreed with each statement (indicating a high barrier for more people).

Q10 WHAT CHALLENGES DO YOU FACE IN CARING FOR YOUR LAND TO SUPPORT WILDLIFE?



TRUST (Q11)

In general, landowners seem to trust state, university, and federal organizations the most, followed by non-profit organizations, then for-profit and other individuals.

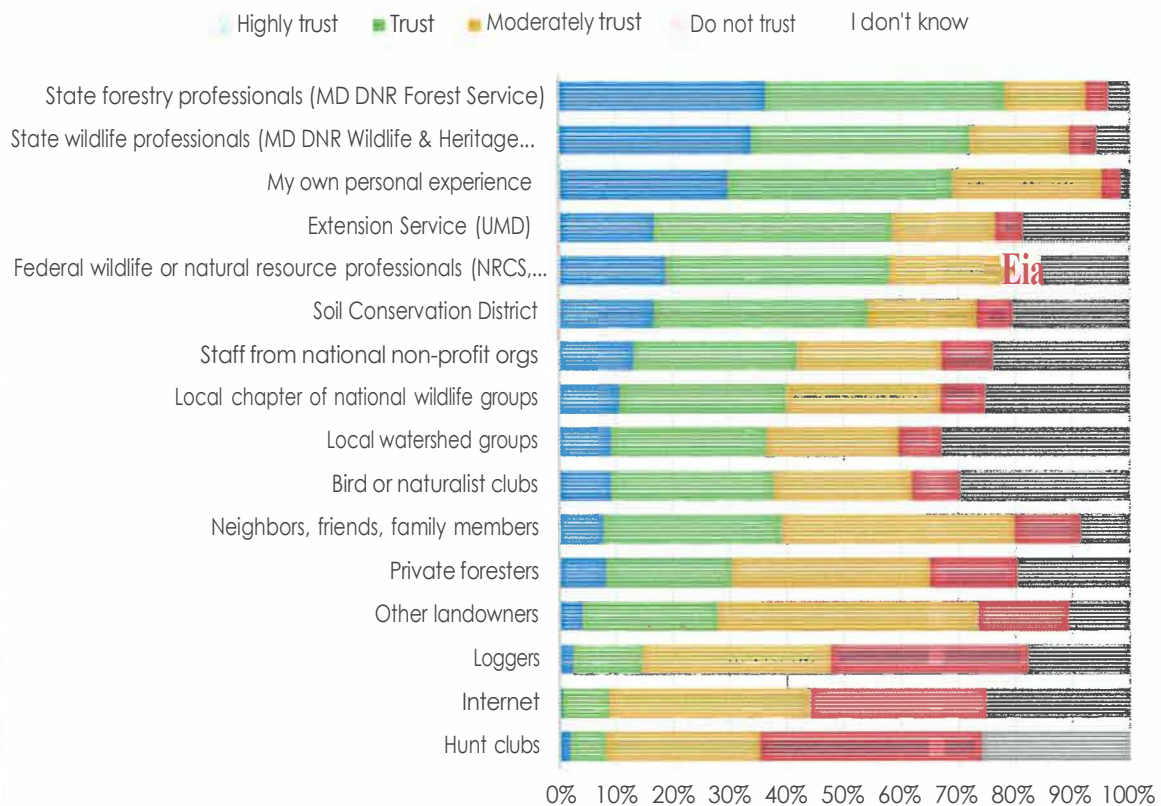
Respondents most highly trust state forestry professionals (MD DNR Forest Service) to provide information on caring for their wooded land; over three-quarters (78%) trust or highly trust them. Even among for the respondents who

do not have a forest management plan written by MD DNR, 72% trust or highly trust them. State wildlife professionals (MD DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service) are also highly trusted, with 72% of respondents trusting or highly trusting them. On average, respondents trust these two groups more than even their own personal experience (69% of respondents trust or highly trust their own experience).

Hunt clubs were the least-trusted group, with 39% of respondents not trusting them. The internet (31% do not trust) and loggers (35% do not trust) also received low trust ratings.

Many landowners were unsure about whether they would trust local watershed groups (33% don't know if they would trust) and bird or naturalist clubs (30% don't know).

QII. LANDOWNER TRUST LEVELS (TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON CARING FOR THEIR WOODED LAND)



	Highly trust	Trust	Moderately trust	Do not trust	I don't know	Mean trust rating*
State forestry professionals (MD DNR Forest Service)	36%	42%	14%	4%	4%	3.15
State wildlife professionals (MD DNR Wildlife & Heritage Service)	34%	38%	17%	5%	6%	3.08
My own personal experience	30%	39%	26%	3%	2%	2.97
Extension Service (UMD)	17%	42%	18%	5%	19%	2.87
Federal wildlife or natural resource professionals (NRCS, USFS, USFWS)	19%	39%	20%	6%	16%	2.84
Soil Conservation District	17%	38%	19%	6%	20%	2.82
Staff from national non-profit orgs	13%	29%	25%	9%	24%	2.6
Local watershed groups	9%	27%	23%	8%	33%	2.57
Local chapter of national wildlife groups	11%	29%	27%	8%	25%	2.57
Bird or naturalist clubs	9%	28%	24%	8%	30%	2.55
Neighbors, friends, family members	8%	31%	41%	12%	9%	2.39
Private foresters	8%	22%	35%	15%	20%	2.29
Other landowners	4%	24%	46%	16%	11%	2.19
Loggers	3%	12%	33%	35%	18%	1.79
Internet	1%	8%	35%	31%	25%	1.72
Hunt clubs	2%	6%	27%	39%	26%	1.62

*Mean trust rating is the average value of trust rating for each reason, where "highly" = 4, "trust" = 3, "moderately trust" = 2, and "do not trust" = 1. Does not account for "do not know" responses.

Appendix I: Allegany County Outdoor
Recreation Survey Results

ALLEGANY COUNTY OUTDOOR RECREATION SURVEY RESULTS

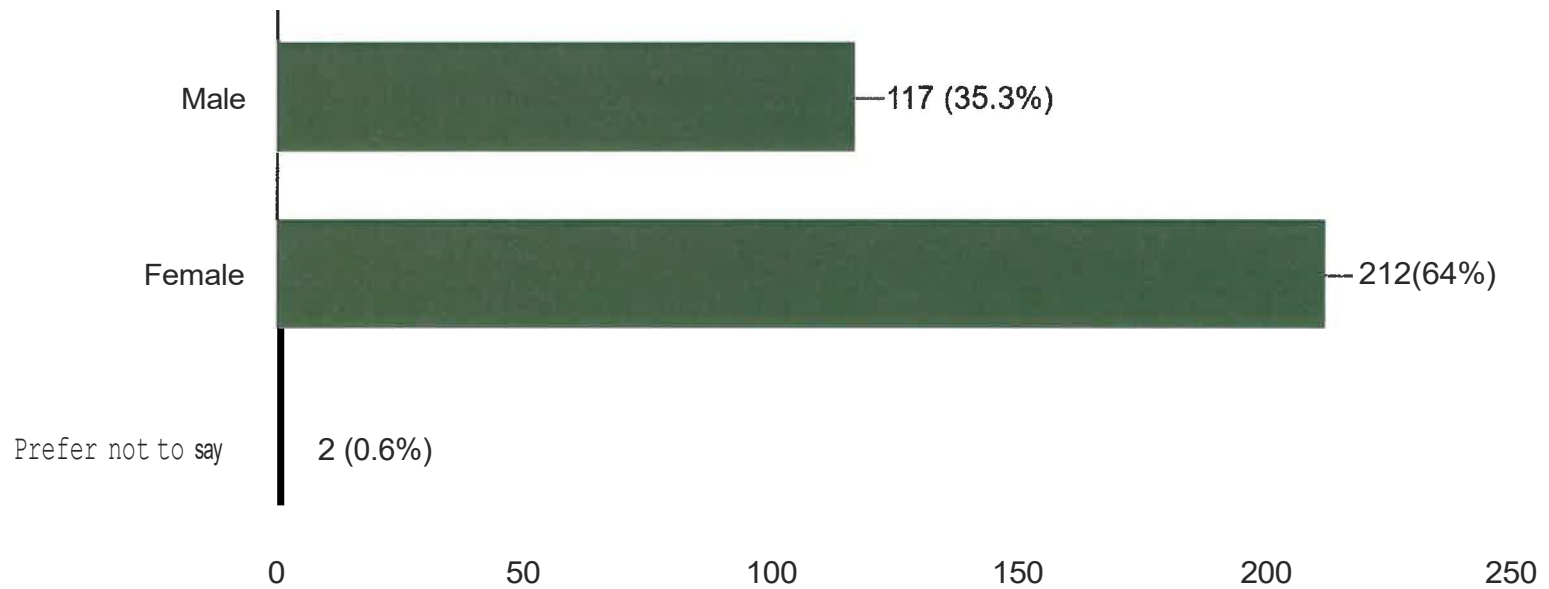
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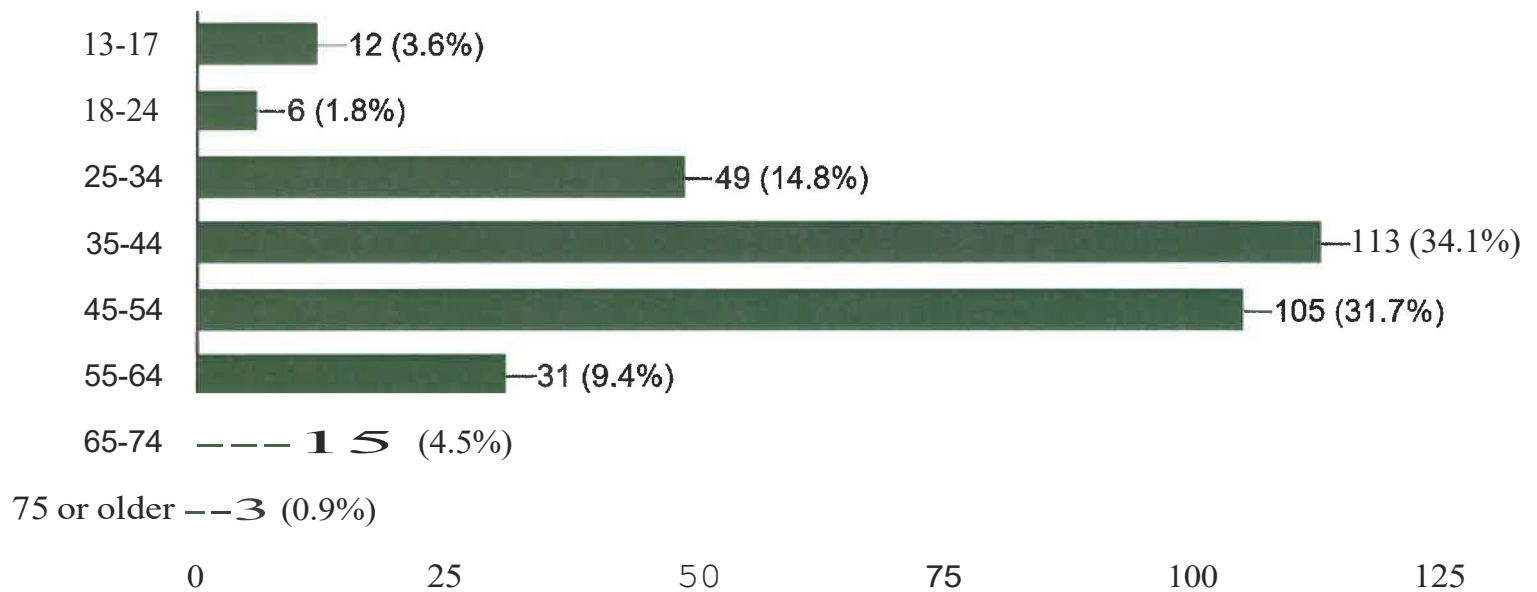
What is your gender?

331 responses



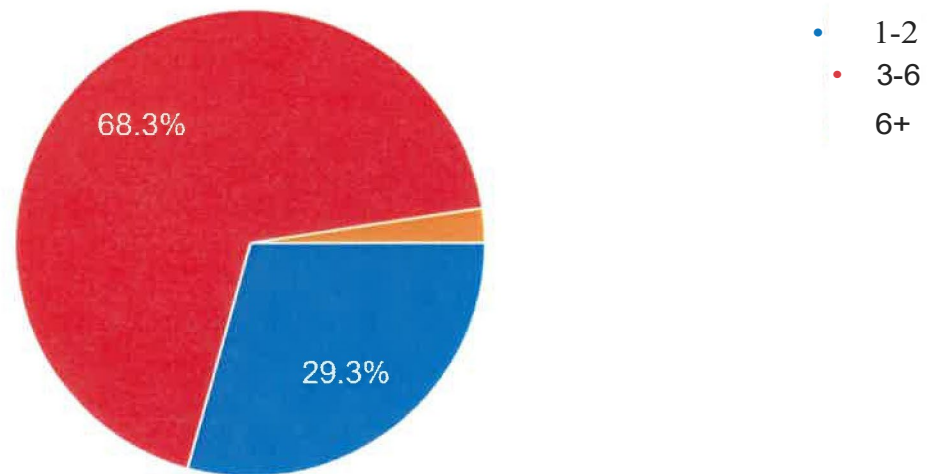
What is your age range?

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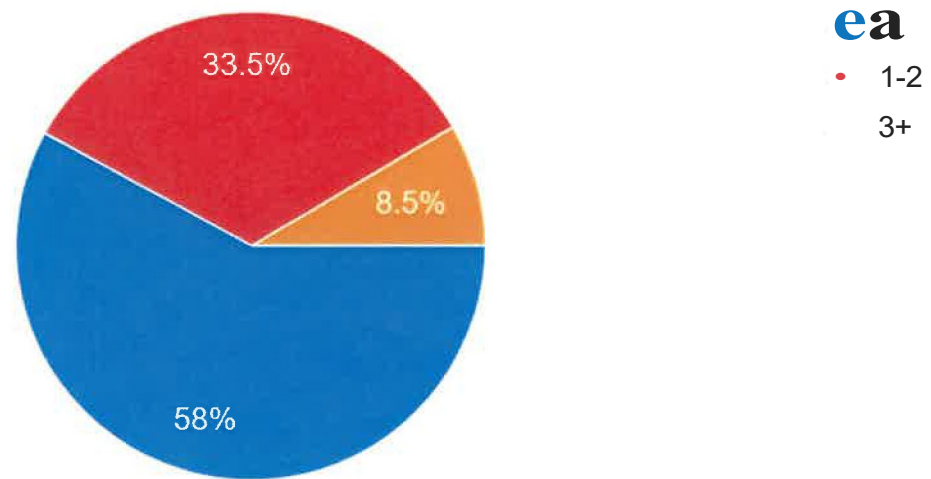
How many people live in your household?

331 responses



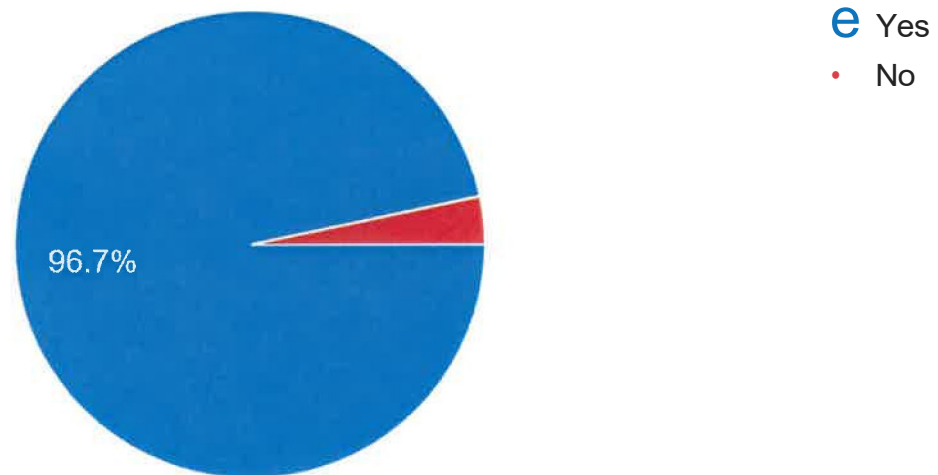
How many children under the age of 12 live in your household?

331 responses



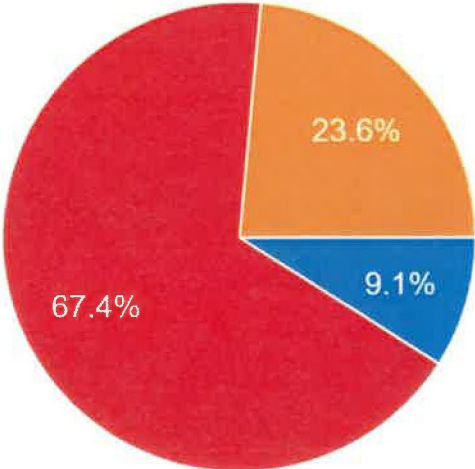
Do members of your household visit parks or recreation areas in Allegany County?

331 responses



How would you describe your activity level?

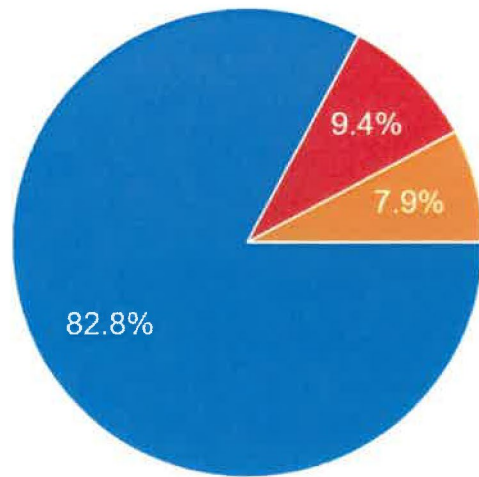
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- Sedentary
- Active
- Very Active

Do you feel there an unmet demand for outdoor recreation in Allegany County?

331 responses

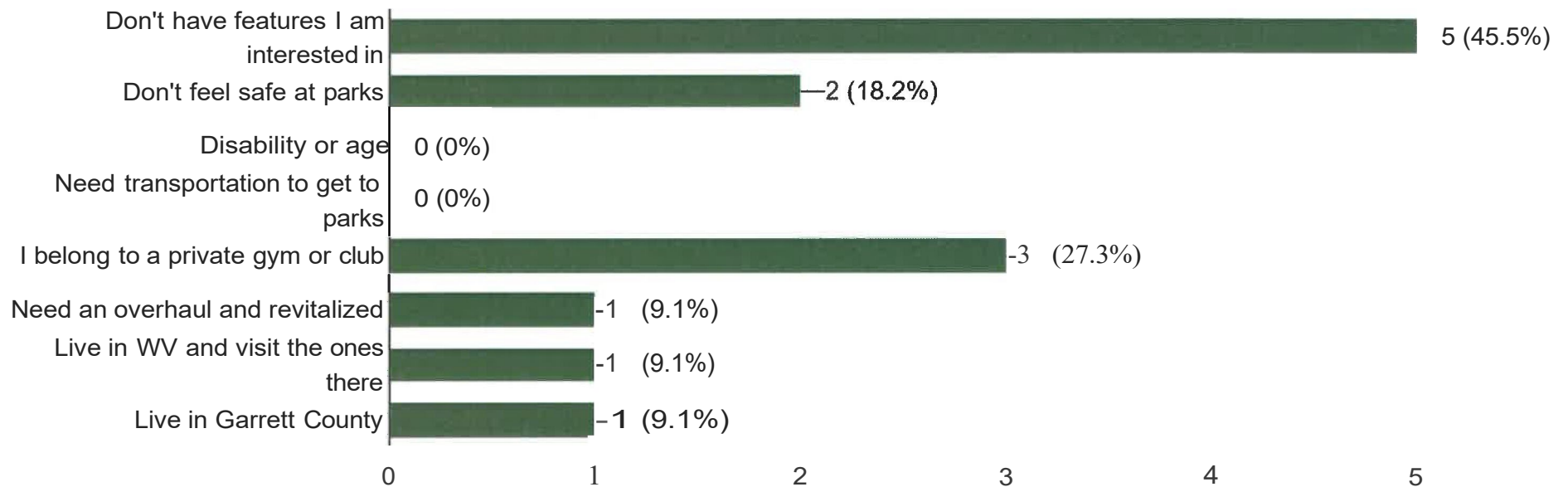


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- No
- Don't Know

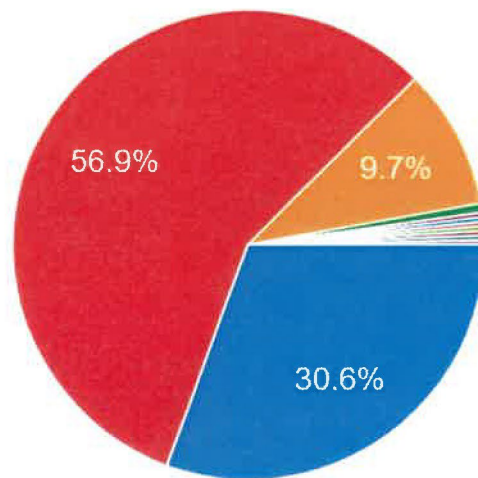
If members of your household do not visit parks or recreation areas in Allegany County, what are the reasons? (Please select all that apply.)

11 responses



How often do you engage in outdoor recreation?

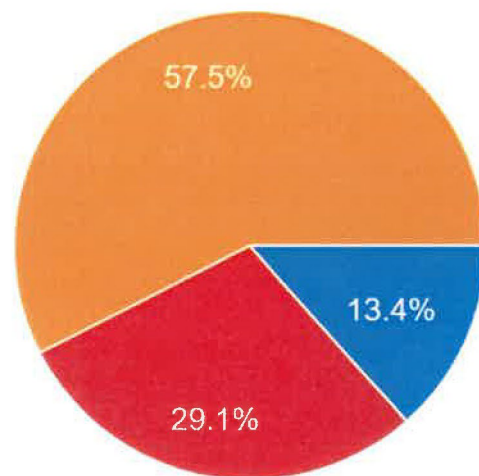
320 responses



- Daily
- Weekly
- Once a Month
- e Once a Year
- e Depends on the weather
- e Attend grandchildren games & activities
- e 2-3 times a week
- e During youth football season
- e A few times a month
- e 4-5 times a week
- e Whenever I have a chance to go outdoors.

How do you prefer to participate in outdoor activities?

320 responses

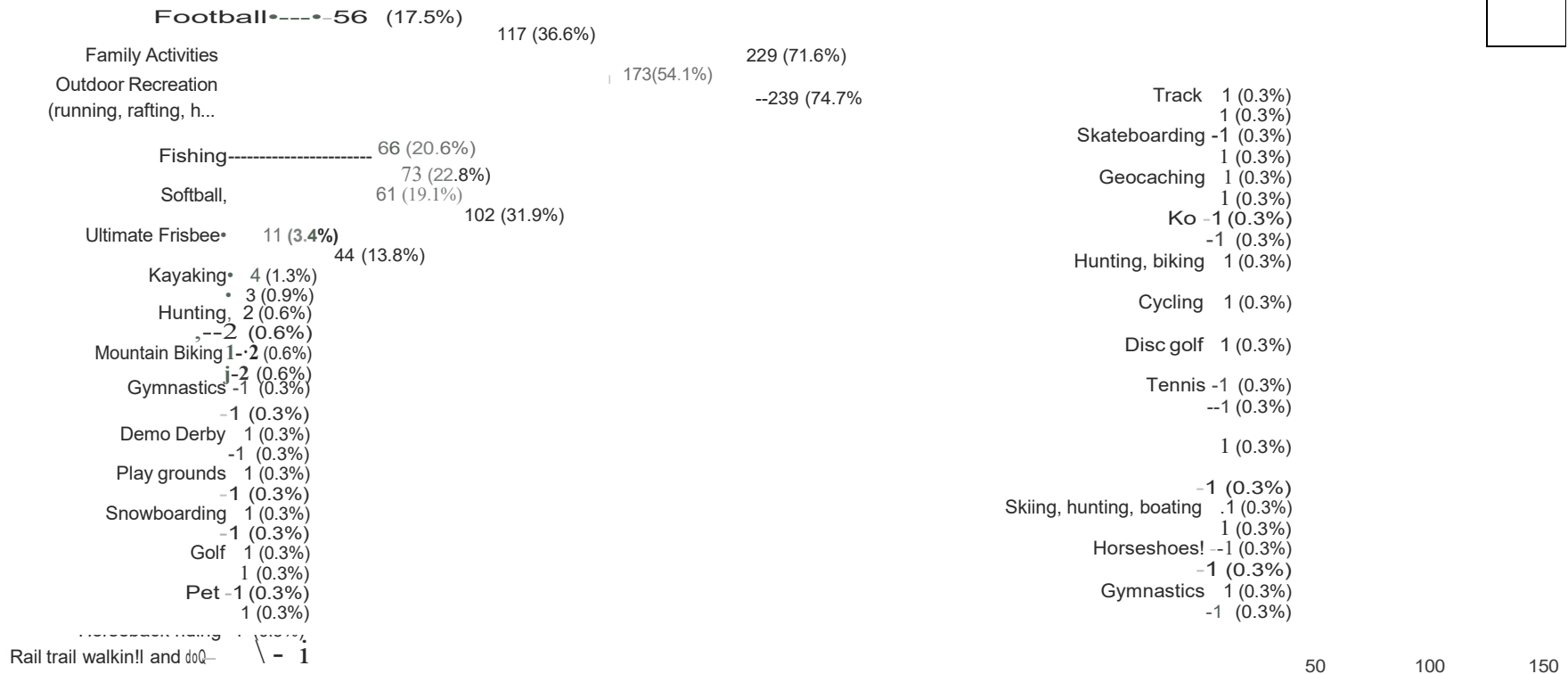


- Alone
- Team or Organized Sports
- With Family

What types of recreation are you and members of your household currently participating in?

(Please check all that apply.)

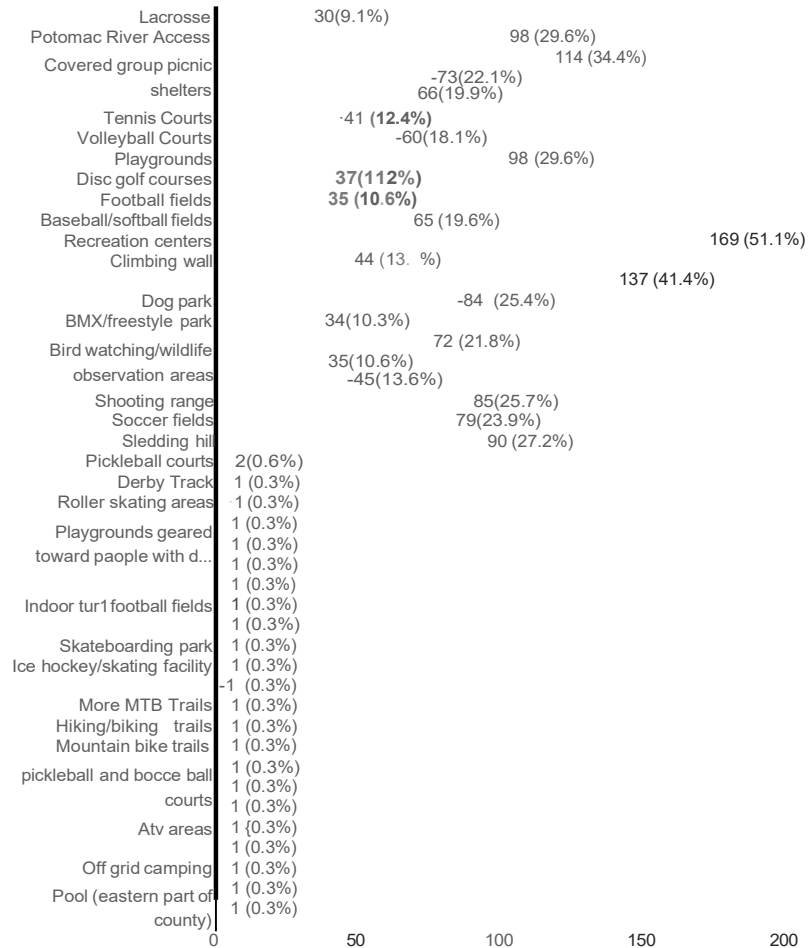
320 responses



1 (0.3%)

From the list below, please pick the five (5) MOST NEEDED public recreation facilities or programs that are needed in Allegany County.

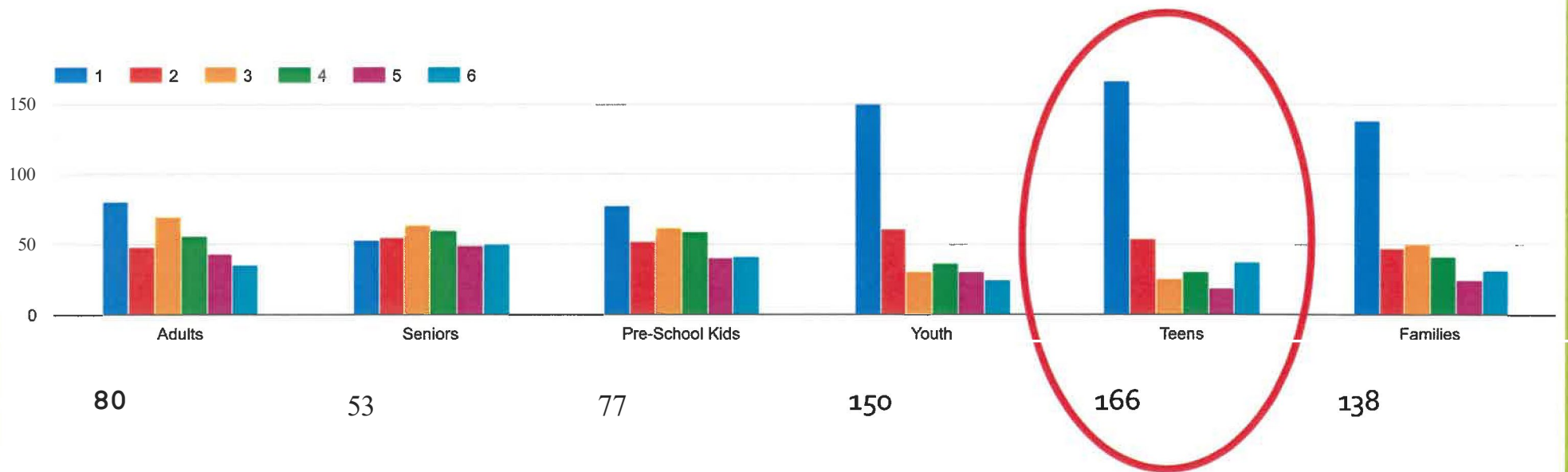
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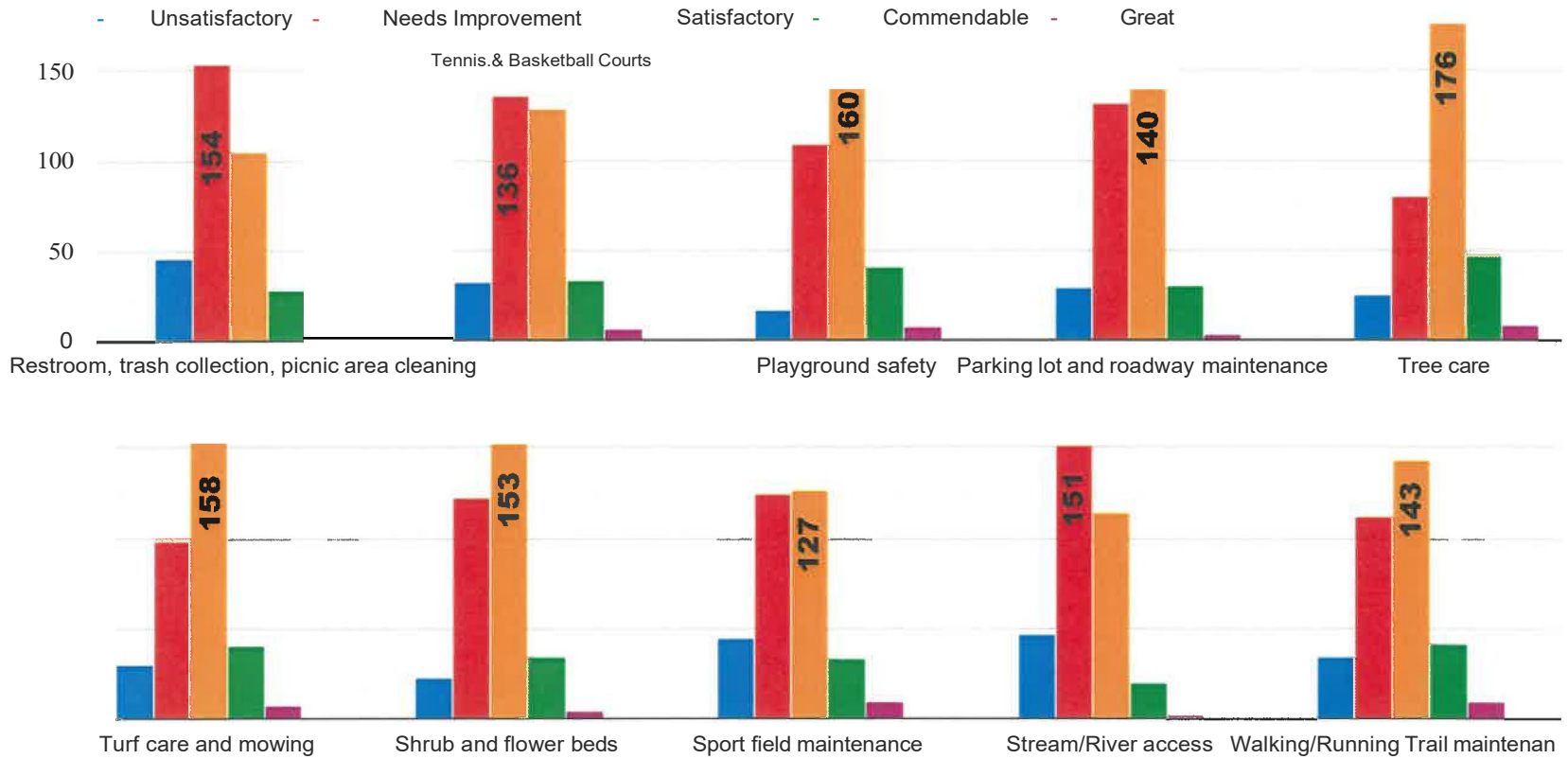
SPORT

Lacrosse	9.1
Potomac River Access	29.6
Stream Access to Boat, Fish or Swim	34.4
Covered Group Picnic Shelters	22.1
Basketball Courts	19.9
Tennis Courts	12.4
Volleyball Courts	18.1
Playgrounds	29.6
Disk Golf Courses	11.2
Football Fields	10.6
Baseball/Softball Fields	19.6
Recreational Centers	51.1
Climbing Wall	13.3
Walking, Jogging, Biking Paths	41.4
Dog Park	25.4
BMX/Freestyle Park	10.3
Community Artificial Turf Fields	21.8
Bird watching/Wildlife Observation Areas	10.6
Skateboarding Areas	13.6
Shooting Range	25.7
Soccer Fields	23.9
Sledding Hills	27.2
Pickleball Courts	0.6

Please prioritize which populations need recreational opportunities (1 being the highest priority, 6 being the lowest priority):

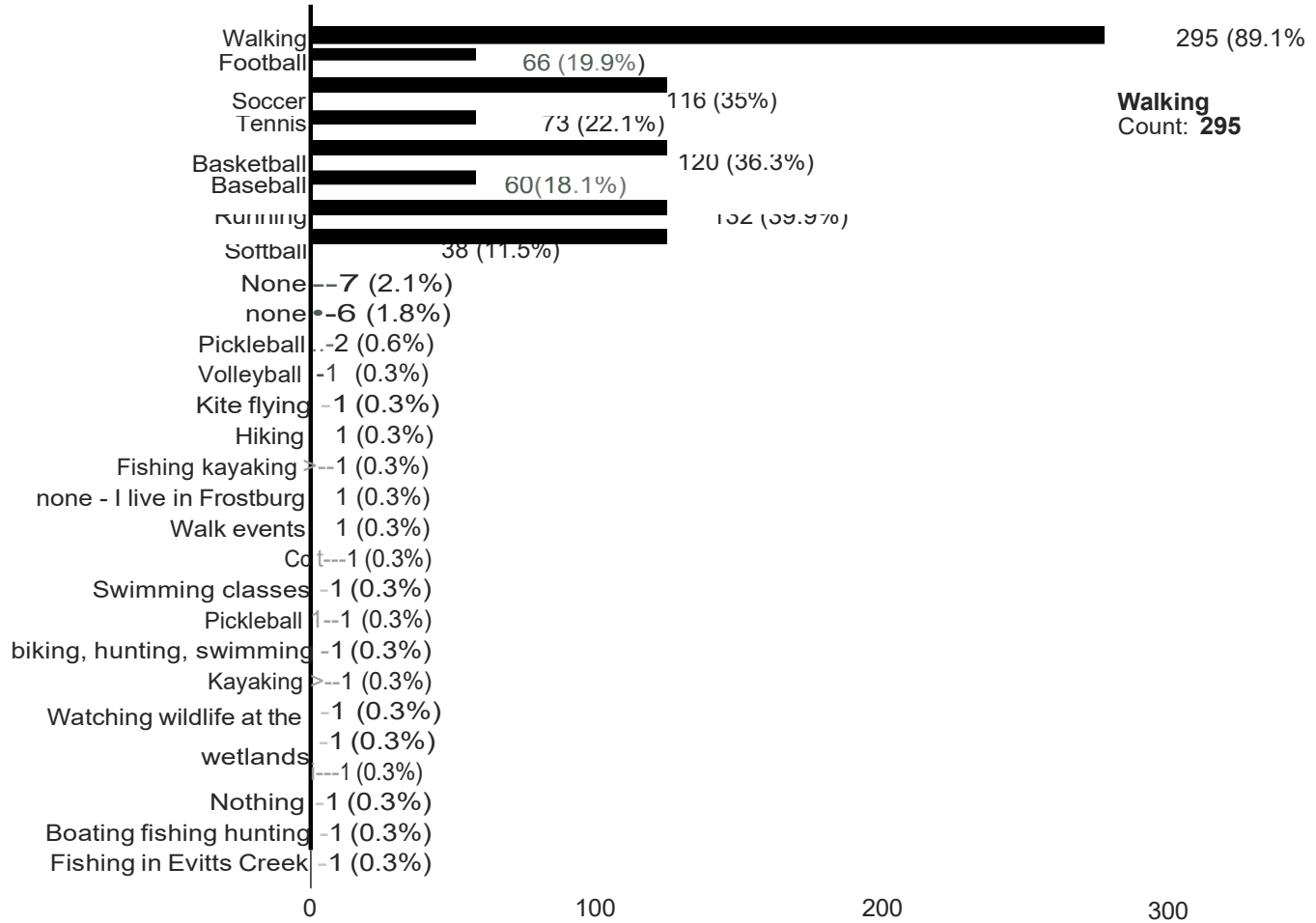


Please rate the maintenance in our community parks and recreational areas?



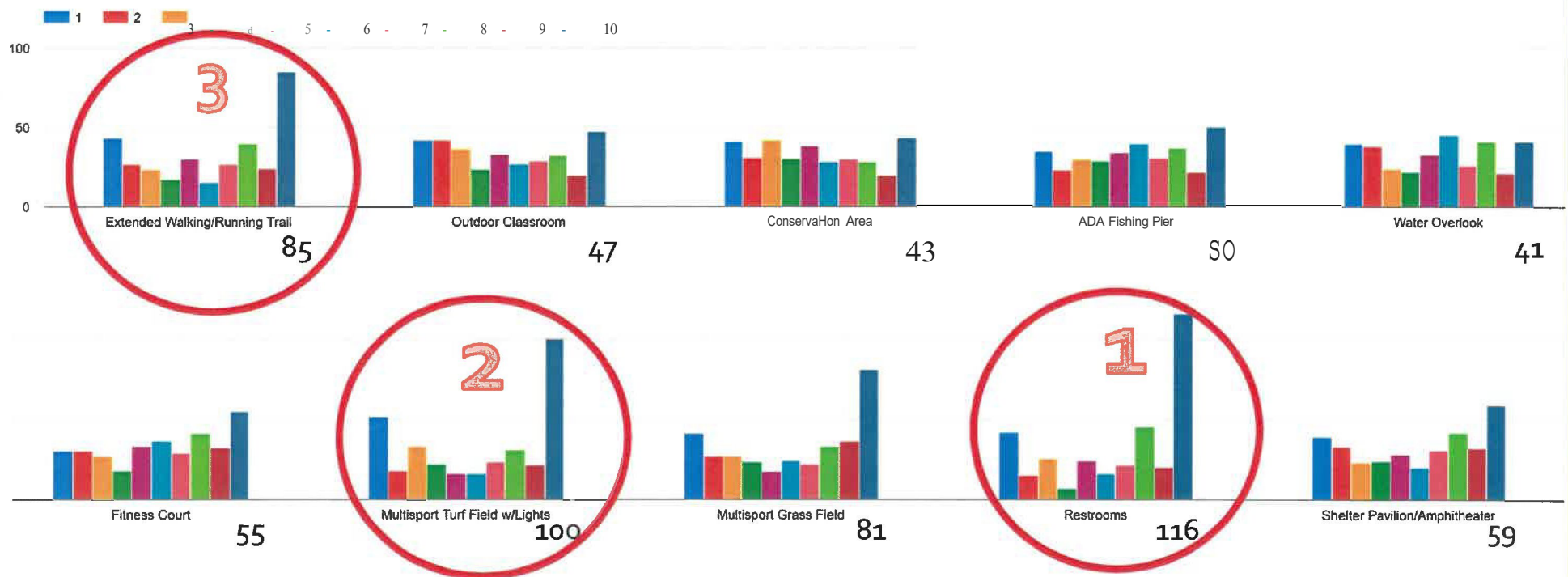
Which outdoor activities have you participated in at Allegany College of Maryland?

331 responses



Walking
Count: **295**

A new 24-acre outdoor recreation complex named the Willowbrook Outdoor Recreation (WOW) Spot is being considered for land behind Allegany College. Facilities being considered include an extended walking/running trail loop, Outdoor Classroom areas, Conservation Areas, ADA Fishing Pier, Evitts Creek Water Overlook, a Fitness Court (this was a grant and we have the equipment in hand and ready to install), a multisport artificial turf field with lights to accommodate football, soccer and ultimate frisbee, and a multisport grass field. Please rank from 1 being the least important to 10 being the most important, how you feel about each of the proposed outdoor spaces.



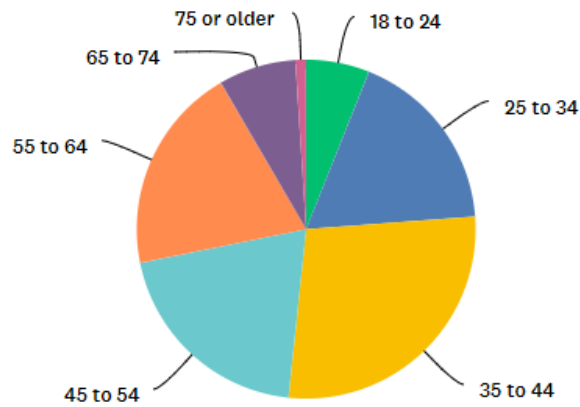
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Appendix J – LPPRP Survey Monkey Survey Results

What is your age?

Answered: 298 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ 18 to 24	6.04% 18
▼ 25 to 34	17.79% 53
▼ 35 to 44	27.85% 83
▼ 45 to 54	20.13% 60
▼ 55 to 64	19.80% 59
▼ 65 to 74	7.38% 22
▼ 75 or older	1.01% 3
TOTAL	298

What town do you live in?

Answered: 297 Skipped: 2

Location	Number of Participants
Barton	2
Bel-Air	5
Bowling Green	3
Cresaptown	13
Cumberland	128
Corriganville	1
Ellerslie	5
Flintstone	5
Frostburg	54
Eckhart Mines	1
LaVale	25
Little Orleans	1
Lonaconing	6
Luke	1
Mexico Farms	1
Midland	1
Midlothian	4
Mt Savage	11
Old Town	3
Pinto	1
Potomac Park	2
Vale Summit	1
Shaft	1
Westernport	5
Other	17
Total	297

Of the following Recreation Sites which ones do you visit and how often?

Answered: 299 Skipped: 0

	DAILY †	WEEKLY †	MONTHLY	YEARLY	NEVER	TOTAL †	WEIGHTED T AVERAGE
Savage River State Forest	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	100.00% 1	0.00% 0		4.00
Allegany County Fairgrounds	0.00% 0	1.07% 3	11.07% 31	73.93% 207	13.93% 39	280	3.31
Rocky Gap State Park	4.24% 12	14.84% 42	37.10% 105	32.16% 91	11.66% 33	283	2.74
Dans Mountain State Park	1.44% 4	3.60% 10	18.71% 52	46.04% 128	30.22% 84	278	2.49
Dans Rock Overlook Park	0.71% 2	1.42% 4	13.17% 37	49.82% 140	34.88% 98	281	2.42
Constitution Park	1.77% 5	10.60% 30	24.73% 70	36.04% 102	26.86% 76	283	2.41
C & O Canal National Historical	2.77% 8	10.38% 30	28.72% 83	32.53% 94	25.61% 74	289	2.40
Allegany College of Maryland	3.93% 11	7.86% 22	15.71% 44	38.21% 107	34.29% 96	280	2.20
Great Allegheny Passage	3.81% 11	20.07% 58	25.61% 74	24.22% 70	26.30% 76	289	2.18
Green Ridge State Forest	0.36% 1	3.94% 11	17.56% 49	35.84% 100	42.29% 118	279	2.04
Great Allegheny Passage	5.65% 16	17.31% 49	24.73% 70	20.14% 57	32.16% 91	283	1.95
Frostburg State University	4.00% 11	3.27% 9	16.00% 44	33.09% 91	43.64% 120	275	1.91
Dans Mountain Wildlife Management	1.46% 4	1.82% 5	14.23% 39	26.64% 73	55.84% 153	274	1.54

LaVale Lions Field	0.00%	1.85%	11.11%	27.78%	59.26%	270	1.48
	0	5	30	75	160		
Frostburg Community Park	1.45%	4.73%	15.27%	21.82%	56.73%	VS	1.44
	4	13	42	60	156		
Fort Hill High School	2.59%	3.70%	10.74%	24.44%	58.52%	270	1.40
	7	10	29	66	158		
Mountain Ridge High School	2.24%	7.84%	10.07%	21.27%	58.58%	268	1.33
	6	21	77	57	157		
Cumberland Country Club	0.72%	1.81%	9.42%	23.19%	64.86%	276	1.25
	2	5	26	64	179		
Ali Ghan Shrine Club	0.00%	1.95%	3.25%	26.62%	68.18%	154	1.20
	0	3	5	41	105		
Hoffman Park	0.36%	2.92%	8.39%	21.90%	66.42%	T/4	1.19
	1	8	23	60	182		
George Washington Headquarters	0.36%	0.36%	7.64%	23.64%	68.00%	VS	1.19
	1	1	21	65	187		
Parris Glendenning Recreation Complex	1.86%	7.81%	14.13%	14.13%	62.08%	269	1.16
	5	21	38	38	167		
Frostburg Trail	1.81%	3.99%	11.96%	15.58%	66.67%	276	1.08
	5	11	33	43	184		
Belt Field- Cresaptown	0.36%	2.19%	7.30%	16.06%	74.09%	T/4	0.91
	1	6	20	44	203		
Frostburg Lions Park	1.10%	4.03%	9.52%	13.19%	72.16%	273	0.90
	3	11	26	36	197		
Bishop Walsh High School	1.08%	1.44%	3.25%	18.05%	76.17%	277	0.86
	3	4	9	50	211		
Narrows Scenic Park	0.00%	2.27%	7.95%	14.39%	75.38%	264	0.86
	0	6	21	38	199		
Allegany High School	2.53%	1.81%	3.61%	16.97%	75.09%	277	0.85
	7	5	10	47	208		
Wills Mountain State Park	0.38%	2.26%	7.55%	14.34%	75.47%	265	0.85
	1	6	20	38	200		
Billmeyer Wildlife Management Area	0.36%	1.46%	5.11%	16.42%	76.64%	T/4	0.84
	1	4	14	45	210		
Lonaconing Furnace Park	0.75%	1.13%	3.38%	17.29%	77.44%	266	0.82
	2	3	9	46	206		
Braddock Middle School	2.54%	1.09%	2.90%	14.86%	78.62%	276	0.73
	7	3	8	41	217		
Toll Gate House	0.00%	0.37%	2.24%	16.42%	80.97%		

Rocky Gap Golf Course	0.00%	2.22%	5.93%	11.85%	80.00%	270	0.70
	0	6	16	32	216		
Cresaptown Community Park	0.00%	1.45%	6.91%	10.91%	80.73%	275	0.67
	0	4	19	30	222		
Mount Savage Community Park	0.38%	1.13%	4.14%	12.03%	82.33%	266	0.63
	1	3	11	32	219		
Washington Middle School	0.75%	2.61%	5.22%	10.45%	80.97%	268	0.63
	2	7	14	28	217		
Little Orleans Campground	0.00%	0.00%	4.03%	12.75%	83.22%	149	0.63
	0	0	6	19	124		
Warrior Mountain Wildlife Management	0.00%	2.00%	5.33%	10.00%	82.67%	150	0.60
	0	3	8	15	124		
Bel Air Community Park	0.36%	2.53%	5.05%	8.66%	83.39%	277	0.55
	1	7	14	24	231		
Frostburg Rifle Range	0.00%	0.74%	3.69%	10.70%	84.87%	271	0.55
	0	2	10	29	230		
Jaycees Recreation Area	0.37%	0.00%	5.93%	9.26%	84.44%	270	0.55
	1	0	16	25	228		
Fore Sisters Golf Club	0.00%	1.47%	2.56%	10.99%	84.98%	273	0.55
	0	4	7	30	232		
Frostburg West End Park	1.10%	1.10%	6.59%	7.69%	83.52%	273	0.54
	3	3	18	21	228		
Mount Savage Little League Field	0.00%	1.12%	2.99%	10.07%	85.82%	268	0.51
	0	3	8	27	230		
LaVale District Park	0.00%	1.12%	6.34%	7.09%	85.45%	268	0.50
	0	3	17	19	229		
Moss Cottage Ballfield	0.00%	0.74%	5.20%	8.18%	85.87%	269	0.50
	0	2	14	22	231		
Mount Savage School	2.61%	4.10%	2.61%	7.84%	82.84%	268	0.50
	7	11	7	21	222		
Midland Municipal Ballfield	0.75%	0.00%	2.99%	9.70%	86.57%	268	0.49
	2	0	8	26	232		
Cash Valley Elementary	0.36%	1.45%	5.82%	6.91%	85.45%	275	0.48
	1	4	16	19	235		
Beall Elementary	2.56%	1.83%	2.93%	7.69%	84.98%	273	0.46
	7	5	8	21	232		
Centre Street Recreation Area	0.36%	1.09%	2.92%	8.39%	87.23%	274	0.45
	1	3	8	23	239		
Ellerslie Community Park	0.00%	0.74%	3.72%	8.18%	87.36%	269	0.45
	0	2	10	22	235		

Westmar Middle School	0.38%	1.89%	3.03%	7.58%	87.12%		
	1	5	8	20	230	264	0.44
Oarrows Lane Recreation Complex	0.00%	1.83%	2.93%	7.69%	87.55%		
	0	5	8	21	239	273	0.43
LaVale Fireman's Ballfield	0.00%	0.00%	3.00%	8.61%	88.39%		
	0	0	8	23	236	267	0.43
Lonaconing Downtown Parklet	1.12%	0.74%	3.72%	7.43%	86.99%		
	3	2	10	20	234	269	0.43
Ort Field	0.00%	1.14%	4.56%	6.84%	87.45%		
	0	3	12	18	230	263	0.43
Bel Air Swim Club	0.65%	0.00%	2.58%	8.39%	88.39%		
	1	0	4	13	137	155	0.42
Fort Cumberland Trail	0.00%	0.37%	2.22%	8.52%	88.89%		
	0	1	6	23	240	270	0.41
Frost Elementary	0.74%	2.59%	2.59%	6.67%	87.41%		
	2	7	7	18	236	270	0.40
South End Recreation Area	0.38%	2.26%	5.66%	4.53%	87.17%		
	1	6	15	12	231	265	0.40
Donahue Field	0.37%	0.00%	2.59%	7.78%	89.26%		
	1	0	7	21	241	270	0.39
Barton Ballfield	0.00%	0.36%	3.64%	6.55%	89.45%		
	0	1	10	18	246	275	0.38
Lonaconing Recreation Area	1.51%	0.00%	2.64%	6.79%	89.06%		
	4	0	7	18	236	265	0.37
Parkside Elementary	1.13%	1.89%	3.77%	5.28%	87.92%		
	3	5	10	14	233	265	0.37
South Penn Elementary	2.00%	0.67%	3.33%	6.00%	88.00%		
	3	1	5	9	132	150	0.37
Holly Avenue Recreation Area	0.37%	2.21%	2.21%	6.25%	88.97%		
	1	6	6	17	242	272	0.36
Oldtown School	0.00%	1.14%	1.52%	7.22%	90.11%		
	0	3	4	19	237	263	0.36
Union Grove Campgrounds	0.00%	0.67%	2.67%	6.67%	90.00%		
	0	1	4	10	135	150	0.36
Mount Pleasant Park	0.75%	2.62%	3.75%	4.49%	88.39%		
	2	7	10	12	236	267	0.35
Oldtown Community Park	0.00%	0.38%	3.40%	6.04%	90.19%		
	0	1	9	16	239	265	0.35

Potomac Camp B.S.A.	0.00%	0.75%	2.64%	6.42%	90.19%	265	0.35
	0	2	7	17	239		
Westernport Creekside Park	0.75%	1.13%	1.51%	6.79%	89.81%	265	0.35
	2	3	4	18	238		
Barrelville Outdoor Club	0.00%	0.00%	2.58%	6.45%	90.97%	155	0.34
	0	0	4	10	141		
Midland Sportsman Club	0.00%	0.37%	2.62%	6.37%	90.64%	267	0.34
	0	1	7	17	242		
West Side Elementary School	0.38%	1.13%	2.63%	5.64%	90.23%	266	0.33
	1	3	7	15	240		
Evitts Creek Greenway	0.65%	0.00%	2.61%	5.88%	90.85%	153	0.32
	1	0	4	9	139		
Flintstone Community Park	0.00%	0.74%	1.85%	6.30%	91.11%	270	0.32
	0	2	5	17	246		
Smith Park	0.75%	1.50%	1.50%	6.02%	90.23%	266	0.32
	2	4	4	16	240		
Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club	0.00%	1.48%	3.33%	4.44%	90.74%	270	0.31
	0	4	9	12	245		
Bowling Green Community Park	0.00%	0.73%	2.18%	5.45%	91.64%	275	0.30
	0	2	6	15	252		
Wills Creek Greenway	0.00%	0.67%	3.36%	4.70%	91.28%	149	0.30
	0	1	5	7	136		
Bel Air Elementary	0.73%	1.45%	2.18%	4.36%	91.27%	275	0.28
	2	4	6	12	251		
Westernport Downtown Park	0.75%	1.13%	1.13%	5.28%	91.70%	265	0.28
	2	3	3	14	243		
East End Playground	0.37%	0.73%	2.93%	4.03%	91.94%	273	0.27
	1	2	8	11	251		
John Humbird Elementary School	1.11%	1.11%	2.59%	4.07%	91.11%	270	0.27
	3	3	7	11	246		
Church Street Park-Midland	0.37%	0.73%	1.83%	4.40%	92.67%	273	0.25
	1	2	5	12	253		
Flintstone Annex	0.65%	0.00%	1.30%	5.19%	92.86%	154	0.25
	1	0	2	8	143		
Barton Golf Driving Range	0.00%	0.73%	1.09%	4.74%	93.43%	274	0.24
	0	2	3	13	256		
Cresaptown Elementary	0.37%	1.48%	3.33%	2.59%	92.22%	270	0.24
	1	4	9	7	249		

Barton Recreation Park	0.00%	0.72%	2.90%	2.90%	93.48%		
	0	2	8	8	258	276	0.22
Flintstone School	1.12%	0.00%	1.87%	3.75%	93.26%		
	3	0	5	10	249	267	0.22
Mount Savage Passive Recreation	0.00%	1.14%	2.66%	3.04%	93.16%		
	0	3	7	8	245	263	0.22
Westernport Elementary	0.75%	0.00%	1.89%	3.77%	93.58%		
	2	0	5	10	248	265	0.22
Islands of the Potomac Wildlife	0.65%	0.00%	1.95%	3.90%	93.51%		
	1	0	3	6	144	154	0.22
Braddock Park	0.37%	0.00%	1.11%	4.43%	94.10%		
	1	0	3	12	255	271	0.21
Corriganville Playground	0.00%	0.00%	2.58%	3.23%	94.19%		
	0	0	4	5	146	155	0.21
Westmar High School	0.38%	0.76%	1.14%	3.80%	93.92%		
	1	2	3	10	247	263	0.21
Georges Creek Elementary	1.31%	1.96%	2.61%	1.96%	92.16%		
	2	3	4	3	141	153	0.21
Warrior Mountain Sportsmen's Club	0.00%	0.67%	2.01%	3.36%	93.96%		
	0	1	3	5	140	149	0.21
Georges Creek Elementary	1.86%	1.12%	1.49%	2.97%	92.57%		
	5	3	4	8	249	269	0.20
Greene's Addition Playground-Westernport	0.37%	0.00%	2.23%	3.35%	94.05%		
	1	0	6	9	253	269	0.20
Lonaconing Horsehoe Pits	0.00%	0.00%	2.25%	3.37%	94.38%		
	0	0	6	9	252	267	0.20
Midland Parklet	1.12%	0.37%	1.50%	3.37%	93.63%		
	3	1	4	9	250	267	0.20
Rawlings Community Park	0.00%	0.38%	2.27%	3.03%	94.32%		
	0	1	6	8	249	264	0.20
South End Rod and Gun Club	0.00%	0.00%	2.04%	3.40%	94.56%		
	0	0	3	5	139	147	0.20
Valley Street Park	0.38%	0.00%	2.29%	3.05%	94.27%		
	1	0	6	8	247	262	0.19
St. Mary's Field	0.00%	0.67%	1.34%	3.36%	94.63%		
	0	1	2	5	141	149	0.19
Barton Center Parklet	0.00%	0.36%	1.82%	2.92%	94.89%		
	0	1	5	8	260	274	0.18
Westernport Memorial Park	0.38%	1.14%	1.14%	3.04%	94.30%		
	1	3	3	8	248	263	0.18

Westernport Municipal Park	0.75%	0.75%	1.13%	3.02%	94.34%		
	2	2	3	8	250	265	0.18
Potomac Park Ballneid	0.00%	0.76%	2.27%	2.27%	94.70%		
	0	2	6	6	250	264	0.17
Cumberland Bow Hunters Club	1.31%	0.00%	0.65%	3.27%	94.77%		
	2	0	1	5	145	153	0.16
Sedgwick Street Recreation Area	0.38%	1.13%	0.38%	3.02%	95.09%		
	1	3	1	8	252	265	0.16
VFW Ballneid-Cumberland	0.00%	0.76%	1.89%	2.27%	95.08%		
	0	2	5	6	251	264	0.16
Pine Knob Hunting Club	0.00%	0.00%	2.68%	2.01%	95.30%		
	0	0	4	3	142	149	0.16
North East Elementary	0.00%	0.00%	1.89%	2.26%	95.85%		
	0	0	5	6	254	265	0.15
Pine Avenue Playground	0.38%	0.38%	1.13%	2.64%	95.47%		
	1	1	3	7	253	265	0.15
Spring Valley Fishing Lake	0.00%	0.00%	3.40%	1.13%	95.47%		
	0	0	9	3	253	265	0.15
Rawlings Heights Racquet Club	0.00%	0.67%	2.68%	1.34%	95.30%		
	0	1	4	2	142	149	0.15
Springdale Street Playground	0.00%	0.38%	1.51%	2.26%	95.85%		
	0	1	4	6	254	265	0.14
Islands of the Potomac Wildlife	0.37%	0.00%	1.12%	2.61%	95.90%		
	1	0	3	7	257	268	0.14
Lonaconing Trap Club	0.00%	0.00%	1.99%	1.99%	96.03%		
	0	0	3	3	145	151	0.14
McCoole Community Park	0.00%	0.00%	0.66%	2.65%	96.69%		
	0	0	1	4	146	151	0.13
Fairmont Avenue Recreation Area	0.37%	0.74%	1.48%	1.48%	95.93%		
	1	2	4	4	259	270	0.12
Fort Cumberland Playground	0.00%	0.00%	1.11%	2.22%	96.67%		
	0	0	3	6	261	270	0.12
Piney Plains School Rec. Area	0.00%	0.00%	0.38%	2.66%	96.96%		
	0	0	1	7	255	263	0.12
Georges Creek Greenway	1.13%	0.00%	1.13%	1.89%	95.85%		
	3	0	3	5	254	265	0.12
Eckhart Center	0.37%	0.74%	0.74%	1.85%	96.30%		
	1	2	2	5	260	270	0.11
Mapleshade Rod and Gun Club	0.00%	0.00%	1.99%	1.32%	96.69%		
	0	0	3	2	146	151	0.11

Holland Street Park	0.00%	0.00%	1.48%	1.48%	97.04%		
	0	0	4	4	262	270	0.10
Piney Plains Ballfield	0.00%	0.00%	0.76%	1.89%	97.35%		
	0	0	2	5	257	264	0.10
Barton School Memorial Park	0.00%	0.73%	1.09%	1.09%	97.09%		
	0	2	3	3	267	275	0.09
Benjamin Banneker Playground	0.36%	0.00%	1.09%	1.46%	97.08%		
	1	0	3	4	266	274	0.09
Leiper Park	0.00%	0.00%	1.50%	1.12%	97.38%		
	0	0	4	3	260	267	0.09
Spring Street Park	0.00%	0.38%	1.13%	1.13%	97.36%		
	0	1	3	3	258	265	0.09
Liberty Field	0.00%	0.00%	1.32%	1.32%	97.35%		
	0	0	2	2	147	151	0.09
Frazier Playground	0.00%	0.00%	0.75%	1.49%	97.76%		
	0	0	2	4	262	268	0.08
Howard Street Park	0.00%	0.00%	0.75%	1.13%	98.11%		
	0	0	2	3	260	265	0.07
Ridgedale Playground	0.00%	0.38%	1.14%	0.76%	97.72%		
	0	1	3	2	257	263	0.07
Smouse Memorial Park	0.00%	0.76%	0.76%	0.76%	97.73%		
	0	2	2	2	258	264	0.07
Sundial Park	0.00%	0.00%	0.76%	1.14%	98.10%		
	0	0	2	3	258	263	0.07
Taylor Community Athletic Field	0.00%	0.00%	1.53%	0.00%	98.47%		
	0	0	4	0	257	261	0.05
Allegheny Beagle Club	0.00%	0.65%	0.00%	0.00%	99.35%		
	0	1	0	0	154	155	0.01
Fore Sisters Golf Club	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Fort Hill Rifle and Pistol Club	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
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La Vale Swim Club	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
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•• Liberty Field	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
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•• Little Orleans Campground	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	000
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•• Lonaconing Trap Club	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	000
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•• Nature Conservancy #7 Fort Hill	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
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•• Nature Conservancy #8 Town Creek	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	000
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•• Piney Run Gun Cluo	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	000
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•• Rawlings Heights Racquet Club	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
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•• Sideling Hill WildU-e Management	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
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•• South End Rod and Gun Club	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
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•• South Penn Elementary	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
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•• St. Mary's Field	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	000
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•• Union Grove Campgrounds	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	000
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•• Warrior Mountain Sportsmen's Club	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
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•• Warrior Mountain Wildlife Manag	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	0.00
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•• Wills Creek Greenway	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0	000
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Q4

If the park(s) you visit are not listed above, please do so and indicate the frequency in which you use it.

1. Lions field playground on Braddock road -
2. Weekly
3. Central Assembly of God Disc Golf Course Visited at least weekly.
4. Places I been like riding past them some I been too
5. Riverside Recreation Complex very often in the summer for the river access
6. N/A
7. St John's Rock ORV Area
8. Mason sports complex, Cumberland. Maybe that's what south end recreation was?

Daily.

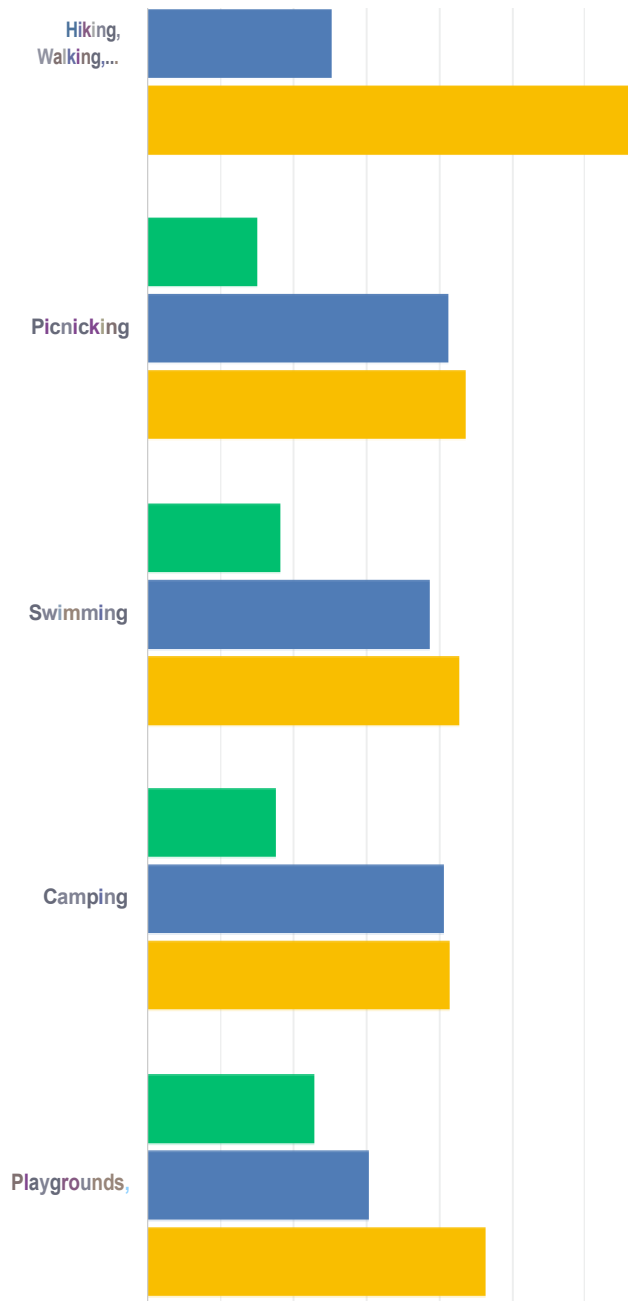
9. No skateparks around other than marilla in Morgantown and altoona sk814
10. Occasionally in the summer
11. I don't just hang out at parks, but I absolutely would be there weekly if we had a skatepark.
12. Rocky gap state park and Lake,

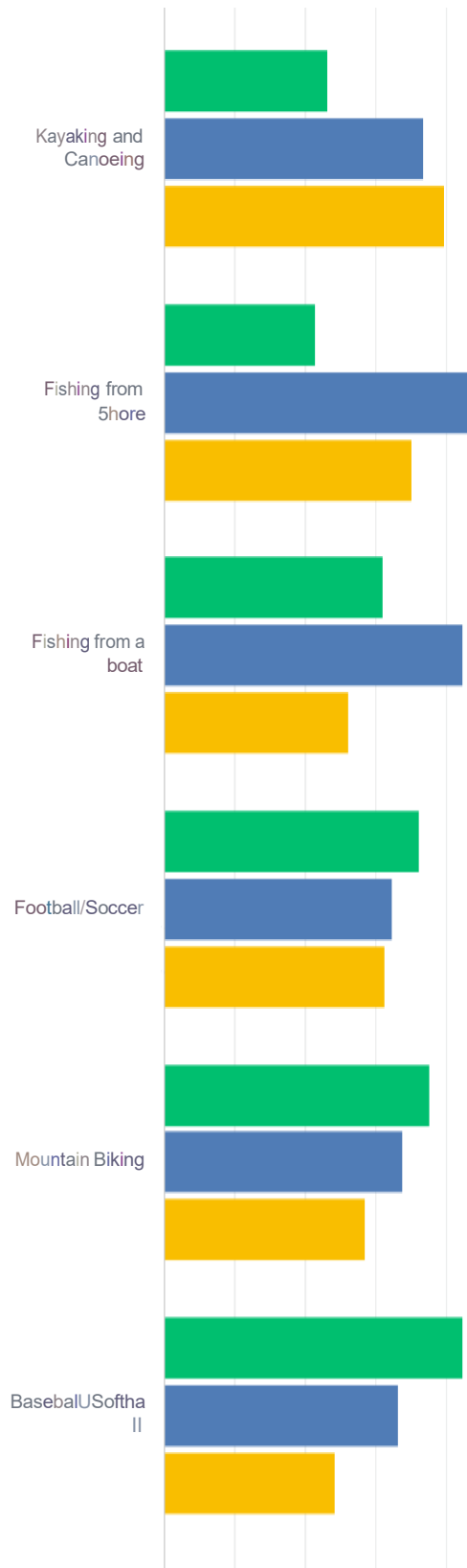
Savage river, savage dam, wills creek, potomac river. Lake Gordon

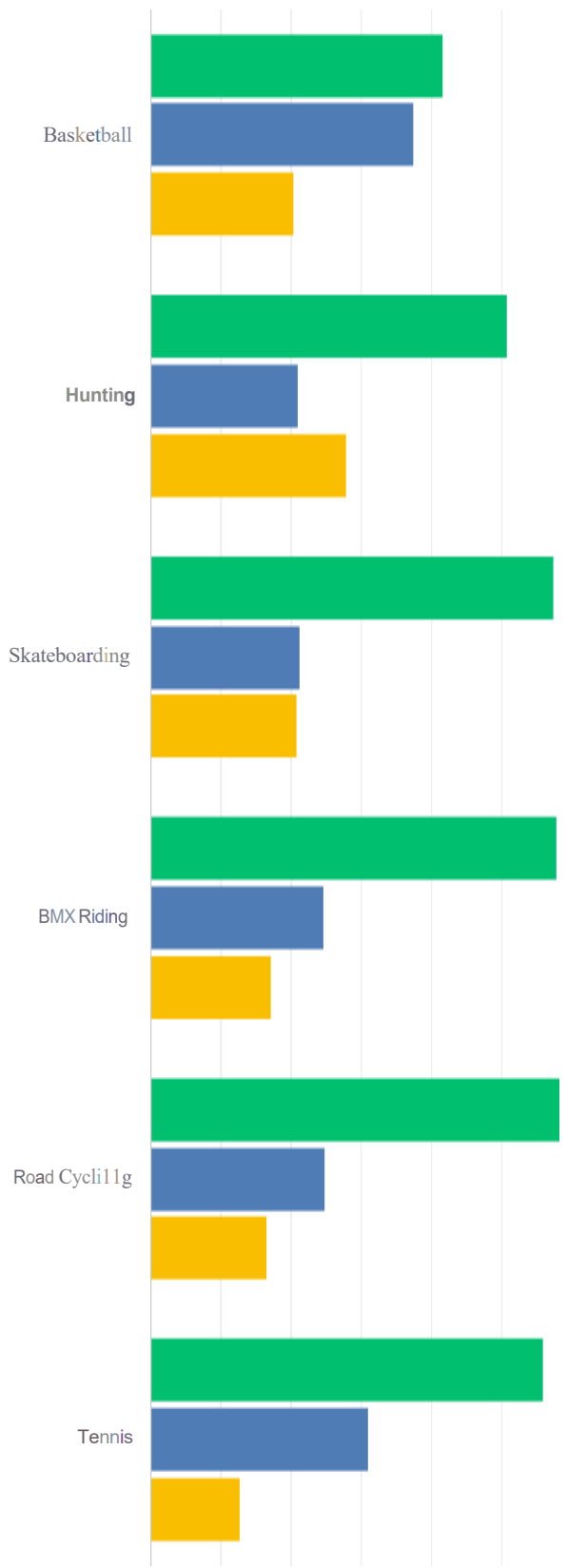
13. Water street frostburg (by the pool) park- monthly
14. wills mountain does not have public access would be a mistake for proposed plan for the road
15. Mason Recreation Complex (Formerly Riverside) - Weekly (Unless that is the South End Recreation Complex)
16. N/A
17. Mason complex south Cumberland!!!! Fix the tennis quarts up an plant some trees!!!!
18. Use it weekly and usually multiple times a week
19. None. We visit mostly the Green Ridge State Park.
20. Gene Mason Sports Complex/Riverside Park-weekly.
21. Warrior MT WMA
22. Lefty Grove Park
23. Luke Legacy Park
24. I have never heard of many on this list. I cannot copy them. Please email a list of these to mjperrino@gmail.com as I would like to visit more of them.
25. Johnston Heights playground - we visit approx. monthly.
26. Warrior Mountain Wildlife Management Area use Daily
27. N/A
28. The last two years have been different. We don't go out as much as before. When we get visitors from out of town we take them to battlefields, parks, and kids ball games for a day out. We haven't had visitors in the last two years. These questions were difficult to answer. Needed another choice. example - (Sometimes)

How important are each of these amenities to you?

Answered: 290 Skipped: 9







	NOT IMPORTANT	MODERATELY IMPORTANT	VERY IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
.... Hiking, Walking, Running, Biking on a paved trail	7.67% 22	25.44% 73	66.90% 192	287	2.59
.... Picnicking	15.03% 43	41.26% 113	43.71% 125	286	2.29
... Swimming	18.31% 52	33.73% 110	42.95% 122	284	2.15
... Camping	17.73% 50	40.78% 115	41.49% 117	282	2.24
... Playgrounds	23.05% 65	30.50% 86	46.45% 131	282	2.23
... Kayaking and Canoeing	23.24% 66	36.97% 105	39.79% 113	284	2.17
... Fishing from shore	21.48% 61	43.31% 123	35.21% 100	284	2.14
.... Fishing from a boat	31.23% 89	42.46% 121	26.32% 75	285	1.95
.... Football/Soccer	3.63% 102	32.38% 91	31.32% 88	281	1.95
.... Mountain Biking	37.68% 107	33.80% 96	28.52% 31	284	1.91
.... Baseball/Softball	42.50% 119	33.21% 93	24.29% 68	280	1.72
... Basketball	41.84% 118	37.59% 106	20.57% 58	282	1.79
... Hunting	50.90% 142	21.15% 59	27.95% 78	279	1.77
... Skateboarding	57.65% 162	21.35% 60	21.00% 59	281	1.63
... BMX Riding	57.91% 161	24.82% 69	17.27% 8	278	1.59
... Road Cycling	58.45% 166	25.00% 71	16.55% 47	284	1.58
.... Tennis	56.07% 157	31.07% 87	12.86% 36	280	1.57
.... Golfing	62.28% 175	21.35% 60	16.37% 46	281	1.54
.... Volleyball	57.35% 160	32.26% 90	10.39% 29	279	1.53
.... Rock Climbing	62.37% 174	25.81% 72	11.83% 33	279	1.49
... Horseshoes	66.43% 184	25.99% 72	7.58% 21	277	1.41

Q5 Comments:

1. Disc Golf
 2. Frostburg pool
 3. Disc Golf
 4. Disc Golf - Very Important
 5. Disc Golf - Very Important
 6. Mountain bike trails
 7. Also very interested in Disc Golf and Pickleball
 8. Fishing hunting hiking swimming and things for kids to do is important
 9. Pickleball
 10. Hiking, walking, running, biking on improved trails, ie crushed limestone where paving is not possible or practical. Using old railbeds as recreation trails throughout the county.
 11. Roller skating
 12. Roller skate
 13. Disc Golfing
 14. Disc Golf
 15. Dog park
 16. Kids of all ages need to have outside interests.
 17. n/a
 18. Hockey, street, roller, and ice.
 19. UTV/ATV
 20. Cross country skiing a groomed trail / very important
 21. Fishing and hunting. More Utv/Atv friendly
 22. Need more access to public land for Jeep trailing
 23. off roading atv
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Q6

If you do not use the recreation sites within your area, or closest municipality, please explain why.

1. With my grandchildren sports
2. Not very outdoorsy of a person (get sunburnt so easily and hate bugs)
3. I don't usually like the activity at the specific sites
4. N/A
5. Many of these sites listed I have never heard of, don't know where they are and don't know what they offer.
6. We do.
7. I primarily play golf and disc golf.
8. N/A
9. They don't offer things I'm interested in. Rocky Gap (and other areas) need to get on board with other parks and invest in mountain bike trails.
10. Constitution Park has no volleyball field, no place to safely walk (not on the road), the dog park is trash with rusted old chain link fence, fallen tree branches scattered throughout, very dark and shaded due to the canopy of trees, on the side of a mountain with uprooted trees
11. Time.
12. Not welcoming. Not enough trees and areas to picnic other than pavilion.
13. There is no Local skateboard park.
14. Working 2 jobs
15. I haven't even heard of some of these places. Maybe better marketing is in order.
16. Signage and directions are terrible. It's almost a requirement to have a guide show you to certain campsites and trails. I've literally had to go home with a load of gear because I couldn't find a camp site. I don't have these problems in other counties or states.
I'm not talking about Rocky gap because those camp sites are ruined by their proximity to other camp sites.
Gun clubs have absurd requirements and wait periods that decrease participation.
It's ridiculous that I live here and end up enjoying my hobbies nearer to Morgantown or Hagerstown, where they seem to actually want me there.
17. Simply not enough time in my life to dedicate to that.
18. NA
19. Blue Bridge Dam causes an issue with river recreation, Canal place stage is under utilized
20. Not enough shooting ranges. Specifically long-range shooting ranges
21. Busy work schedule
22. My son's friends go further away, out offstage/county, to skateboarding parks.
23. There is nothing here worth visiting
24. Frostburg itself does not have many recreation areas that interest me.
25. Lack of access to restroom facilities throughout the year. It's hard to plan visits to parks or facilities if you know ahead of time you can't use the bathroom if you need to. That very often leads us to go somewhere else. Also, vagrants and homeless people often frequent

recreational facilities that are close to downtown such as Canal Place. Their presence makes me feel unsafe. I would visit Canal Place more frequently if I did not feel like I would be accosted by a homeless person, which has happened on the C&O Canal near Downtown Cumberland.

26. Use some, wish for skatepark
27. Nothing much to do at most locations
28. No facilities for my interests(skateboarding) Also locations, and conditions.
29. Access to fields limited by controlling agencies
30. We travel to the nicer or more interesting parks. Kiddo spends half the week in Cumberland and half the week in Cresaptown between mom and dad.
31. Like lots of other people, I don't enjoy team/ball sports. No desire to shoot the basketball or play baseball or any of that.
32. Mason sports complex at least 2 times a week. Softball fields, basketball, and boat launch.
33. work to much
34. as a skateboarder we get run out of most spots, so we speak for my friends as well travel to other towns and states to skate whether it's street spots or skate parks in other areas
35. I haven't lately due to COVID however I didn't know about many of these places
36. No time and health issues
37. Do not use the Mount Savage little league field or Moss Cottage very much since kids are grown.
38. Green ridge gun range
39. There is no municipal Disc Golf course
40. N/A
41. Limited, congestion, underfunded.
42. I did years ago but now I am 86 years old.
43. Some places are not readily accessible and hard to find.
44. Need more lighting and dog poop receptacles
45. We only use the recreational areas for outdoor activities such as biking, hiking, and kayaking.
46. Lack of time
47. Softball
48. There are legal access issues that prevent me from using the area to the maximum
49. There were a few places on the list I didn't know about. I will look into them now.
50. n/a
51. Not familiar with what they offer or where they are - I'm new in town.
52. they are dirty
53. I don't even know what all is there. I only knew about 6 of the amenities on the list
54. Our main activity is shore fishing with a 7 yr old. Fishing here is poor. In Montgomery County, Lake Seneca and Black Hills always had excellent fishing and were managed very well. The most comparable lake here is Lake Habib which is nice but not managed for fishing at all. We need a place for kids to enjoy consistently productive fishing lakes to get interested in the sport.
55. We would use them more if our schedules would allow.
56. Potomac Park is never open
57. They are run down and in need of repair
58. too worried to take the grandbaby to play and end up being stabbed by needles that have been discarded by the many heroin users that are allowed to hang out
59. She mostly

60. No idea where they even are and the ones, I do know of are not adequately maintained
61. N/A
62. nothing to do but sit and watch stuff
63. I do not have any young children to take advantage of local playgrounds.
64. Not enough time. Too busy working.
65. NA

Q7

Do you feel enough attention is given to the recreation facilities you frequent?

1. NO we need to keep them and main them. Maple side playground was sold to a private citizen years back. No one in neighborhood was happy with that. The children have no space like my child did here that gets them away from screens and outside in a safe area!
2. Yes
3. Yes.
4. Yes
5. Several places need trash / recycling; otherwise people just leave the trash lay instead of taking it with them like a responsible human-being.
6. Yes
7. No
8. Yes
9. No
10. Generally
11. Yes
12. I do believe there is enough attention to most of the recreation facilities. I few of the basketball and tennis courts look a little run-down but most are well maintained.
13. No there is no attention to extreme sports yet there are around 5 basketball courts in the area
14. Maintenance can be an issue. Mulch isn't kept in some playgrounds and trash can be an issue.
15. No summertime grass always needs cut and trash picked up.
16. Yes
17. For the most part I have been satisfied with the attention given to the facilities I have used.
18. Definitely not. Rocky gap is the only park in allegany that has mountain bike trails, and it seems as if it's not even encouraged. No care put into them. Deep Creek State park has put time and money into the trails, and it definitely helping the growth of the sport.. not to mention the economy there.
19. I think that most of the parks that I am familiar with are in fairly good shape but there is always room for improvement. I would like to see Allegany County move past the typical playground and concentrate on developing a multi-sports complex.
20. no
21. Yes
22. Yes, our parks are very clean with nice amenities.
23. There is always room for improvement. Some areas need a facelift or upgraded.
24. NOT AT ALL
25. Partly, I frequent Constitution Park and the trails, nature part could use some maintenance.
26. Yes
27. Yes

28. Some.
29. No. Rocky gap needs bathroom facilities and paved walkways to the beaches for wheelchairs and old people to access without having to walk up the hill and on uneven grass.
30. Yes
31. Somewhat. There can always be improvements or upgrades
32. Yes, for the most part.
33. The last couple years *covid* the hiking trails and towpath have become cluttered in spots.
34. No.
35. For the most part yea.
36. Mostly
37. I think we need new and upgraded sites for the children in the area to have something positive to do instead of being in phones all day
38. Yes
39. No. A lot of fields are not taken care of properly.
40. No need things for kids to do
41. No
42. No
43. Yes
44. No,
45. No. None of the wildlife management areas are well funded.
46. No
47. No. Pickleball is one of the fastest growing recreational activities in the world and anyone can play. More attention needs to be paid to it. More and better facilities are needed.
48. Yes
49. No
50. No, I feel that all of the fields at Mason Sports Complex in Cumberland are in need of renovation. As well as the unused space.
51. Yes the community in flintstone tries hard to keep the ballfields usable with the little funds they have.
52. Yes
53. No
54. Yes
55. For Rocky Gap - No. I appreciate that they've done work near the campground entrance, but the rest of the trails are in poor shape, and I feel the area is under-developed.
56. Depends on what time of year it is. Sometimes there is trash, or an area needs mowing or bathrooms need to be cleaned or made available for visitors to use.
57. Mostly
58. The ones I've been to have been okay. Wish more maintenance was done on playground equipment
59. No
60. Yes
61. Yes- but I don't want rocky Gap changed any more.
62. I feel like a lot of facilities do not receive enough attention. Many paved surfaces are full of cracks and roots, and equipment and amenities seem to rarely be as clean as they should be.
63. Decent
64. No

65. No.
66. No not sure they are managed correctly
67. Some of them. Jaycee needs help, hence my visits of recent trying to help improve it.
68. I've seen worse in other cities!
69. Not really. Alot of playgrounds are ran down, and becoming dangerous for children
70. Yes
71. No most are run down, littered, damage and in need of repair.
72. I do.
73. Most parks are maintained within Frostburg.
74. No. Many of the playgrounds and rec sites in Cumberland need attention. Mulching, weeding, general maintenance. Bathrooms would be a great improvement for playgrounds, even if just a port a john
75. not always
76. Yes except I would like to see the state take over wills mountain st park
77. No. Upkeep on them is often left to the wayside. Buildings on multiple locations have problems, are falling in, etc
78. no
79. No not at all I have many people in my life that are interested in other sports. Skateboarding, roller skating, bmx/biking, etc. is extremely important to many people in the Allegany County area. It helps their mental health and gives them something to do in an area that has nothing to do. At least nothing that is of interest to a lot of people.
80. NO
81. Complete recreation, rewatering @ as a Canal Place!
82. yes
83. there could be several upgrades to the parks and ball fields
84. N/a
85. Somewhat
86. No. There are very few safe ways to access many parks and reaction facilities via a bike or as a pedestrian.
87. Some have fallen into disrepair
88. Dan's mt. Is beautiful Park we love going but it needs some attention. As far as equipment for the children.
89. No, we could use more trails and designed trail systems-especially mountain biking and hiking trails with kiosks and better trail markers. These are proven economic development drivers.
90. Yes
91. Yes, keep these areas simple
92. Yes
93. It appears they are well maintained
94. No some need cleaned up
95. No.
96. No. I think that access (ways to get to facility) to recreation facilities used to be made safe for everyone, handicapped, no licensed or drivers.
97. No - we need more facilities both indoor and outdoor for soccer, football and basketball trainings
98. Never enough signage, or wayfinding once you arrive in many places.
99. No - the children these days would rather be sitting inside and looking at screens.

100. Not really. I feel like there are many places that could be expanded and marketed for hiking and mountain biking.
101. Adequate
102. For the most part, yes.
103. Yes
104. yes
105. No, I feel funding and maintenance is lacking.
106. There is enough as to letting the ground alone however some of the roads would be nice if upkept just a tad more.
107. No
108. No
109. No young people need these opportunities and development of more opportunities
110. No
111. One of my Biggest concerns is how locals cannot enjoy Rocky Gap on the weekends in the summers. Buses of people show up at 4 am and take over the entire park. Very unfair.
112. No, there are poor trails, no parking facilities and legal access issues that restrict the area being visited by many
113. Yes
114. They are clean and kept. But there is nothing drawing people to them, except for the ballfields. We like to watch our school kids of all ages play their sport of choice.
115. Yes, very much so.
116. Yes
117. No
118. No.
119. To the ones I visit, yes.
120. Not all
121. I think more playgrounds need better access to bathroom facilities
122. yes
123. Yes, especially Frostburg's Glendenning Park.
124. Yes
125. Not by the county:(
126. No
127. Yes
128. No
129. I don't frequent many
130. Parks are nice and well maintained. Need better fishing management
131. I feel that grass could be cut more in the warmer weather and while outdoor areas, treatment for bees, excessive insects could be done. Trash is an issue as well - needing to be cleaned up.
132. Yes, by that I mean to the GAP Trail
133. No, the attention that is given is the bare minimum and there is nothing new or different.
134. No
135. Dans Mt State Park needs to be opened for camping
136. Yea
137. Yes
138. No

139. no
140. Absolutely not. Constitution Park is a mess. Paint the swimming pool building. The murals make it look old. The pool looks great, but the building needs to be redone.

There needs to be better walking paths to and from the park. People must walk in the street if they go there by walking. Kids often walk to the pool and it's unsafe without walkways. Clean it up. Fix the roads. The reservoir looks messy. It's a gem of a park and would be utilized more if it was appealing.

141. No
142. Yes
143. Yes
144. Yes
145. Somewhat
146. No!!
147. Yes, everywhere except for Dan's rock. Dan's rock is messy.
148. No
149. Yes
150. Yes
151. No! Local government hardly conducts "basic" maintenance.
152. no.
153. Absolutely not! More funding to volunteer groups who support them is needed!
154. Yes
155. No
156. No
157. Green ridge State Forest trails are lacking maintenance and adequate marking for the safety of hikers that are not familiar with the area.
158. Yes
159. No, I frequent the Cresaptown Sports Complex daily from Spring to Fall. This complex is very large with multiple fields and is too much for just a few volunteers to maintain.
160. I feel our county does the best they can with all the different recreational places, but they definitely could use some updating.
161. No, and some are closed to often
162. Yes - well-maintained and frequently updated!
163. Instead of investing in so many locations, spend more time and attention to keep the key community sites open and top notch.
164. Yes
165. Yes. Most of the time.
166. Yes
167. Somewhat
168. Most of the recreation areas I frequent are not as clean as they could be. Always trash laying around and grass that is not kept mowed
169. No. Most facilities need upgrade and maintenance
170. I do believe they are well maintained.
171. Yes
172. no
173. Yes

- 174. yes
- 175. NO
- 176. No
- 177. They're ok. Could be better. Less drug addicts hanging around them would be nice.
- 178. Yes
- 179. Yes
- 180. No
- 181. Yes
- 182. Always could be more.
- 183. Some of them.
- 184. No. Underfunded
- 185. No

Q8

What do you like about the recreation facilities you visit in Allegany County?

1. Close
2. Not crowded, well cared for
3. Varying amenities available, like Rocky Gap
4. No one else is ever around.
5. Clean and safe
6. There in the right location
7. The variety
8. They offer great recreation opportunities.
9. Something to do to stay out of trouble.
10. I like the variety of recreation facilities in the county/
11. That new playground equipment has been added every few years
12. Fun for the kids.
13. Gives an area that your people as well as elderly to play and walk around.
14. We have a wealth of opportunities that should pretty much please almost everyone (including the soon-to-be skatepark in Cumberland).
15. They are generally clean and not in disrepair.
16. I do enjoy being able to get out with friends and enjoy what we love, in a mountainous area, with rocky terrain.
17. I like that there have been improvements over the years and that there are many caring individuals that take the time to maintain the parks.
18. Variety of activities available
19. I like the variety of types of recreation available.
20. The ones I visit are well maintained and clean.
21. Free access to hiking trails. Frostburg dog park is wide open, sunny, clean!

Darrow's In./Weber ball fields have a paved walking trail. I go here if there has been rain for several days and other places are muddy.

22. I like the proximity to our home and that they are not too crowded so we can enjoy the serenity of the area.
23. There are a variety of opportunities around the county
24. Openness and equipment available for kids.
25. We love Dan's Mountain pool. Not so crowded and plenty of shaded picnic areas.
26. The great allegany passage trail is wonderfully maintained.
27. That they are available
28. Location and what they have to offer.
29. I visit most during the week and it isn't crowded.
30. I like that kids have something to do.
31. There is a decent variety.
32. Safe for my kids

33. A bunch
34. Outdoor driven
35. I skate at the allegany college track. Just wish there was more options in our area to do so.
36. We'll maintained
37. The scenery and proximity.
38. The town pretty much maintains, and grandchildren enjoy
39. I enjoy the public access to hiking trails and access to nature at Rocky Gap. I enjoy the ability to hike/bike for recreation and to get to specific destinations on the gap trail. (From my home to downtown Cumberland and Main Street Frostburg, for example)
40. Scenery, quiet
41. The landscape
42. I honestly don't visit many my kids don't have interests in them other then playing sports at our local ball field.
43. It doesn't take long to get there from where I live, and I am always able to fund something to do there.
44. N/A
45. Seem very well kept most of time
46. I like the fact that they are rich in history.
47. The scenery
48. Wish there was more for small toddlers (smaller playground) and the Older kids like

Teens. A skatepark would be great for the teens!

49. No
50. Quiet. Neighborly and friendly people.
51. I like floating the river
52. I love there are lots of options.
53. They are all fun and provide different experiences.
54. Pretty
55. The location and woods
56. The ones I frequent peak my interests, such as hiking trails, bike trails, etc. playgrounds are nice for my daughter.
57. There are great hiking options for summer and camping. How it's a sports focused town, between the gap trail and biking, etc.
58. I mean most of them don't really have much aside from the BMX track, and canal place to skate and ride. I like any of them the cops don't run people out of for trying to enjoy their hobby.
59. The variety
60. Good variety of activities within a short distance.
61. Available anytime
62. Smaller crowds of people.
63. Nice trails, great for nature walks, biking or sightseeing.
64. Scenery. The mountains are beautiful, and we love this area.
65. clean most of the time
66. They are maintained
67. That they feel safe

68. I like the outdoor aspect however I feel like we need a skatepark
69. nothing. They suck.
70. The availability for outdoor recreation and fishing.
71. Gives my family entertainment
72. N/a
73. Many of them are clean and feel safe.
74. Most are safe and decent
75. Scenery and accommodations for picnics and family events are perfect. Room for children to play and plenty of parking.
76. That we have so many choices. However, we are not capitalizing on the brand "mountain Maryland" to our fullest capacity. Preservation of our pristine, most sought after resources and outdoor themed/branded economic development need not be mutually exclusive. We must be creative, discriminative, and strategy driven. We should develop plans that say exactly what we want to attract and where they would/could be located. Based upon that logic-expand tourist attractions that fit that strategy.
77. Availability
78. They tend to be well kept
79. Clean, close to home.
80. Clean appearance, easy access and usually in an area which leads to other activities.
81. Nice playground equipment in Constitutional Park
82. Open space, simple designs, aesthetically please without being over the top.
83. I think that they need to be updated to have activities for a wide age range of people. They need to be patrolled even if by camera.
84. variety, views overlook, so many trees, forest, lots of outdoor space~!
85. They are clean and inviting. They could be used more.
86. Plenty to do for the kids
87. Rocky Gap is beautiful, and golf is great there, as well as hiking!
88. I enjoy walking with my dogs on the Great Allegheny Passage. I also take my granddaughters to play at local playgrounds in the Cumberland and LaVale area.
89. Mostly clean given low budgets and low staffing.
90. activities for the kids
91. There are many and a variety of facilities within Allegany County. The County's Four-Season Climate and beautiful Natural outdoor resources are an asset to the facilities.
92. I like the easy access to the ones we use. My husband and I do not mind driving.
93. Views
94. The wild outdoors. Being active.
95. Rocky Gap has a beautiful lake and is a nice place to go boating and fishing. Constitution Park is a nice place to have a picnic, go swimming and walking too.
96. They are free to the public
97. I love that we have a lot to offer for outdoor recreation! We have a beautiful area that many people love to enjoy and visit.
98. They are accessible, and affordable
99. It is nice to spend the day outside. (In the spring and summer, of course) I like to watch random ball games.
100. Clean. Easy to access. Scenery
101. They are very well updated recently.

- 102. Variety
- 103. Close to home, well maintained
- 104. There are a lot more than I knew of - lots of options for a rural area.
- 105. I like the variety of gym equipment at playgrounds and how accessible it is to people of all ages
- 106. nothing
- 107. Open restrooms
- 108. Rocky Gap State Park is very clean, well maintained everyone is nice, park rangers are willing to help. Same with Green Ridge
- 109. Restrooms
- 110. Not overly crowded, except for Rocky Gap.
- 111. Except for Rocky Gap, they are not overly crowded
- 112. Rocky gap has many trails to offer
- 113. Well maintained and accessible
- 114. Quiet feels safe, offers what we are looking for at that moment.
- 115. The scenery
- 116. Relative closeness.
- 117. Clean
- 118. Cleanliness
- 119. distance from my house
- 120. They are a good size.
- 121. They are somewhat taken care of
- 122. They are clean and no one sleeping in the areas
- 123. Well kept
- 124. They are beautiful!
- 125. Closeness
- 126. Their available
- 127. Not crowded, clean, well maintained and convenient.
- 128. Outdoor areas and activity is very important.
- 129. Family oriented
- 130. Free quiet nature
- 131. Rocky Gap is beautiful, peaceful and provides a good level of services.
- 132. variety
- 133. They are void of our incompetent City of Cumberland and Allegany County leaders because they clearly don't care...
- 134. Scenic walking areas
- 135. Accessibility to everyone.
- 136. They all seem to be taking care of
- 137. Close to home, I love Rocky Gap It's my favorite campground and I love the scenery. I love to ride my bike on the GAP trail. I love to walk on the paved walking path at the Cresaptown Sports Complex.
- 138. I like that nearly everything evolves around nature and respect for it.
- 139. Outdoor wildlife
- 140. Variety of activities are available. Recreation can be enjoyed year-round. Free!
- 141. Well Kept, Variety of Activity Opportunity
- 142. Ease of access, safety, cleanliness.

- 143. Scenery
- 144. I have met a lot of people on the trails. some people from all over the states and some foreign countries.
- 145. No crowds for the most part
- 146. Nice atmosphere, get in touch with nature, not crowded
- 147. Open air
- 148. clean
- 149. Cleanliness, more than one activity at each location
- 150. Close to home, have what i am using it for.
- 151. Location, physical activities
- 152. Clean for the most part and updated.
- 153. The diversity in availability and freedom they provide
- 154. Well Maintained
- 155. Close
- 156. Clean and well maintained
- 157. NA
- 158. Nice to have so many places to visit.
- 159. So much to do.
- 160. Close, natural beauty, easy access

Additional Comments?

1. Not enough is being done to promote them. I am sure there are local people that use many of these places more if they were aware or reminded how nice some of them are.
2. more spectator seating and restrooms that are open.
3. Nothing
4. We NEED a disc golf course in Allegany County
5. They need to be updated and cleaned frequently
6. More readily available information and maps.
7. Skateboarding, Caring, and Sharing Day more than once.
8. Better maintenance of them
9. I believe the county should look at adding one or two disc-golf courses in our county. Our family often travels to Hagerstown or Fairmont to play a round or two. While there we often shop and eat in the city we play at. Here is a report that shows the sports growth in 2020 and all indications are that those numbers were greatly surpassed in 2021 - <https://udisc.com/disc-golf-growth-report>
A course in Frostburg - FSU, Glendenning, Hoffman Park and in Cumberland, ACM, Constitution, Rocky Gap would be a great addition to our county.
Last year a disc golf club began in the county utilizing a small nine-hole course at Central Assembly of God Church. Over forty players played at least one league round that met on Thursday evenings. A new small course in Mt. Savage had players from over 6 states stop and play.
<https://www.facebook.com/WesternMDDiscGolf>
<https://www.facebook.com/MileLaneDG>
For more information you can contact The President of the Western Maryland Disc Golf League, BJ Lewis at 301-697-7925
10. More attention to skateboarding or BMX or things of that nature being youth ends up in trouble for using boards and bikes around town.
11. Better upkeep.
12. Please add Disc Golf Courses. Great exercise, fun for all ages.
13. As the interest in disc golf continues to grow, I would like to see municipal disc golf courses in/around Frostburg and Cumberland. There are lots of advantages to having such a course in our area. Please reach out to Western Maryland Disc Golf for more information (BJ Lewis, 301-697-7925) on site selection, cost and more.
14. I would coordinate with the Western Maryland Disc Golf League to design and build some disc golf courses or holes at Dan's Mountain, The Allegany County Fairgrounds, Constitution Park, Hoffman Hollow Park, or near the cross-country course at Glendenning Park.
15. More sustainable technical trails. And encouragement to get involved in outdoor activities.
16. I would change the lack of involvement of people. Many municipalities struggle to maintain their fields due to lack of volunteers I don't think that each community is completely aware of the need for volunteers in their community parks.

17. Improved landscaping upon GAP. The existing trees are pretty much ruined when "trimmed" or removed. Good pruning practices are not taken. As popular as the trail is in the US, much more care about aesthetics should be taken.
18. A little more attention to handicap accessible facilities, like restrooms, ramps, and water fountains.
19. Add volleyball and update the dog park in Cumberland!!
20. Dog Park - we need a true dog park (not the current fenced dirt situation at Constitution Park).
21. I would like to see disc golf courses developed in the Frostburg and Cumberland areas. It is one of the fastest-growing sports in the world and there is a Western Maryland Disc Golf association that has just started in the Cumberland area. Currently, there is a nine hole course at Central Assembly of God church in Cumberland and a small course in Mt. Savage. But, disc golfers have to travel to Hagerstown, Winchester, Martinsburg, Morgantown, and further to play on nice 18 hole municipal courses. These courses are not very expensive to build and appeal to all ages. There are a number of informative pages online that speak about developing a course or please feel free to contact the Western Maryland Disc Golf club on Facebook.
22. A little more upkeep.
23. More pools!
24. I would like to see the playgrounds utilized more. As they used to be when Park & Rec had a playground leader. It gave the kids someplace to go in the summer. I'm so glad I was a kid/teenager in the 60's 70's. The kids in our community today are really short changed. Very sad. I feel that is why we didn't have all the drugs & destruction that we have in our community now.
25. Nothing really
26. I would like more attention given to repairs and clean up i.e. fallen branches and trees in the canal and on the tow path.
27. The only facilities taken care of are private. Take care of your community facilities and I have no problems. Signage needs to be clear, more frequent, and kept visible from the main road.

Also, is there even still a skatepark? Was there ever?

28. More hiking. Skateboarding facility.
29. More skateboarding
30. Nothing except maybe improved facilities (restrooms, water fountain, etc.)
31. Need more ball fields for softball and baseball as well as for soccer and football.
Area Rex teams have a hard time of finding available fields.
32. More activities to do for kids and adults
33. We need a skatepark. None of these areas allow roller skating.
34. More swimming pools
35. Cleaner, bathrooms
36. Removal of blue bridge dam, more events at canal place concerts and festival gatherings, more funds to promote the beginning/end of passage and canal unique spot that isn't capitalized on
37. More places to roller skate
38. More funding for wildlife management recreation.
39. I would build a skate park

40. I would expand urban hiking possibilities and pickleball courts.
41. The dirt or mud around the playgrounds
42. I would like to see increased access to the GAP trail in lower LaVale, the continuation of the bike lane that runs to Cash Valley Road through lower LaVale and easy access to the trail off the National Highway. I see lots of folks walking along the Nat. Hwy. and into the Narrows past the Fruit Bowl. That is a dangerous section of road, there is low visibility at night and the berm is not wide enough. I worry about the safety of those who walk through that section. The GAP trail runs right through there - an access point near the truss bridge would be helpful.
43. Maybe add some paid campsites. More swimming pools. Indoor trampoline park or water park.
44. I'd like to see more places for kids to go closer to amenities adults can enjoy too.
45. N/A
46. There needs to be something to do other than a statue or monument. Not worth going somewhere if you just stand and stare a building or plaque.
47. Nothing that know of
48. I would love to see development at Will's Mountain, and of course it's time for the area to have a skate park.
49. The State Parks should have a reduced fee for out of state residents who live in adjoining counties, like Mineral, County WV. We are just across the Potomac River but have to pay a higher out of State fee to enter the State Parks. Half of all my shopping happens in MD, so you get plenty of my tax dollars to offset the cost of allowing us a reduced fee to enter the State Parks.
50. I don't know where all of them are located.
51. We need a skatepark.
52. Everything and more for little kids
53. ADA upgrades
54. That there was a list available to everyone about what is available
55. More upkeep
56. Not much
57. Skate Park would be great
58. SKATEPARK SKATEPARK SKATEPARK SKATEPARK SKATEPARK SKATEPARK
59. I would add skateparks to community parks that have been aging and dilapidated. I think adventure sports overall is a great avenue to go down to give the youth more than team sports options, plus bringing people in for tourism. Also, could we get a ninja park/ trampoline park that's indoor for kids in the winter? We drive out of town to Altoona, Hagerstown, or the Baltimore area for these and would love to keep it local.
60. More opportunities for things other than ball sports. I've never even heard of some of these fields there's so many and not one single place for skateboards?
61. New updated equipment
62. Build a skate park and BMX pump track/trails that doesn't require joining the racing league.
63. Improvements
64. By putting a skatepark at least one park. Some cities and towns have up to 15-20 skateparks in them.
65. Better maintenance

66. we need a skate park for the kids
67. Offer more activities at each of them, outside of typical basketball, baseball, football.
68. I'd like to see trails maintained at constitution park
69. nothing at all. with the growing scene and popularity of skateboarding and to draw people from other areas as well. this town certainly needs some type of skate park.
70. We need a skatepark ASAP
71. BUILD A SKATEPARK
BUILD A PAVED BMX TRACK
72. I would like to see a community Disc Golf course in Allegany County. The sport is great exercise and is great for all ages.
73. The addition of electric vehicle charging stations would attract locals and non-locals to many of the sites. Since the vehicles are charging, many individuals will shop and explore the surrounding communities near the reaction areas. The addition of better bike trails and paths along with more pedestrian friendly ways to access these facilities by all, regardless of own a motorized vehicle.
74. Cleaner and up to date maintenance
75. More funding and planning put into developing sites suited specifically for certain purposes. Refusing to replace one sports area with another attraction. Leave current recreation sites and improve/enhance them for current users. Resist the urge to believe a small group of people speak for the masses of folks interested in certain facilities and sports attractions. Use common sense to develop recreational areas to the fullest of their potential while preserving environmental integrity. Utilize ARPA funds to the fullest of it's potential to develop and to improve recreational facilities (outdoor and indoor).
76. Nothing!
77. N/A
78. Do more to Mason complex!!!!
79. Increase funding for youth activities, offer primitive skills training/orienteering for adults, provide equipment rentals, cultivate more camp sites and hostels for travelers to compete with air bnbs.
80. I would monitor the facilities and make it a safe space for all.
81. Need more indoor and outdoor practice fields for the community's use
82. add more trails, more mountain biking, better info where to park and paddle from.
83. ??
84. I don't know where many of these are! I had to Google them. I moved back to the area after living across the country and really want to be fit and outdoors but it's hard to find good places to hike.
85. Allegany College grounds should have far more activities offered.
86. More 4x4 trails
87. More things for dogs
88. The Project Open Space Tennis Courts in south end are a mess. Overgrown, dilapidated and most likely from lack of use and care. Perhaps some consideration should be given to using them for another purpose that would get more attention now - tennis seems to be a dying interest among youth. They want a skate park - put it there.
89. Properly maintained bathroom facilities

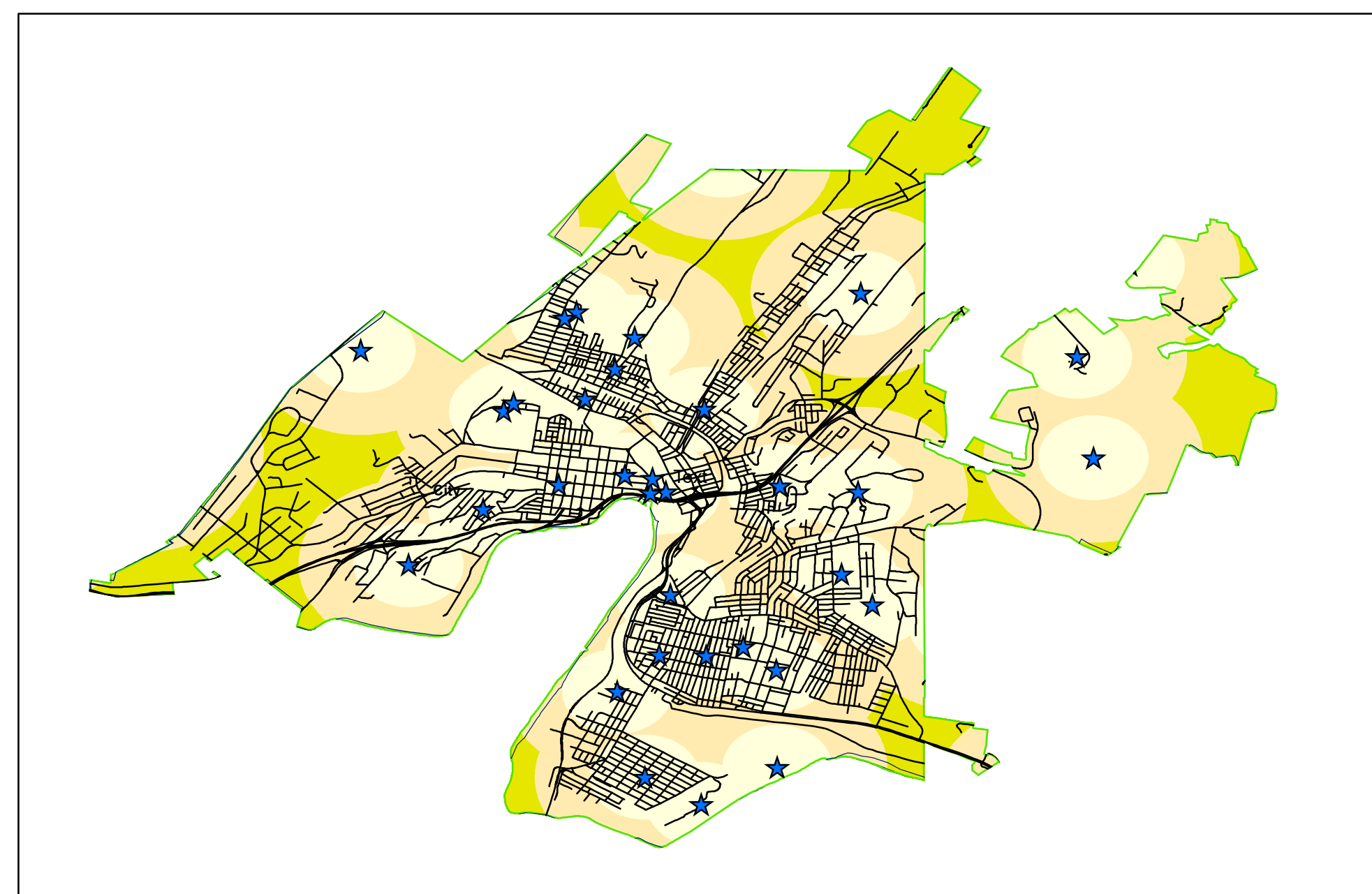
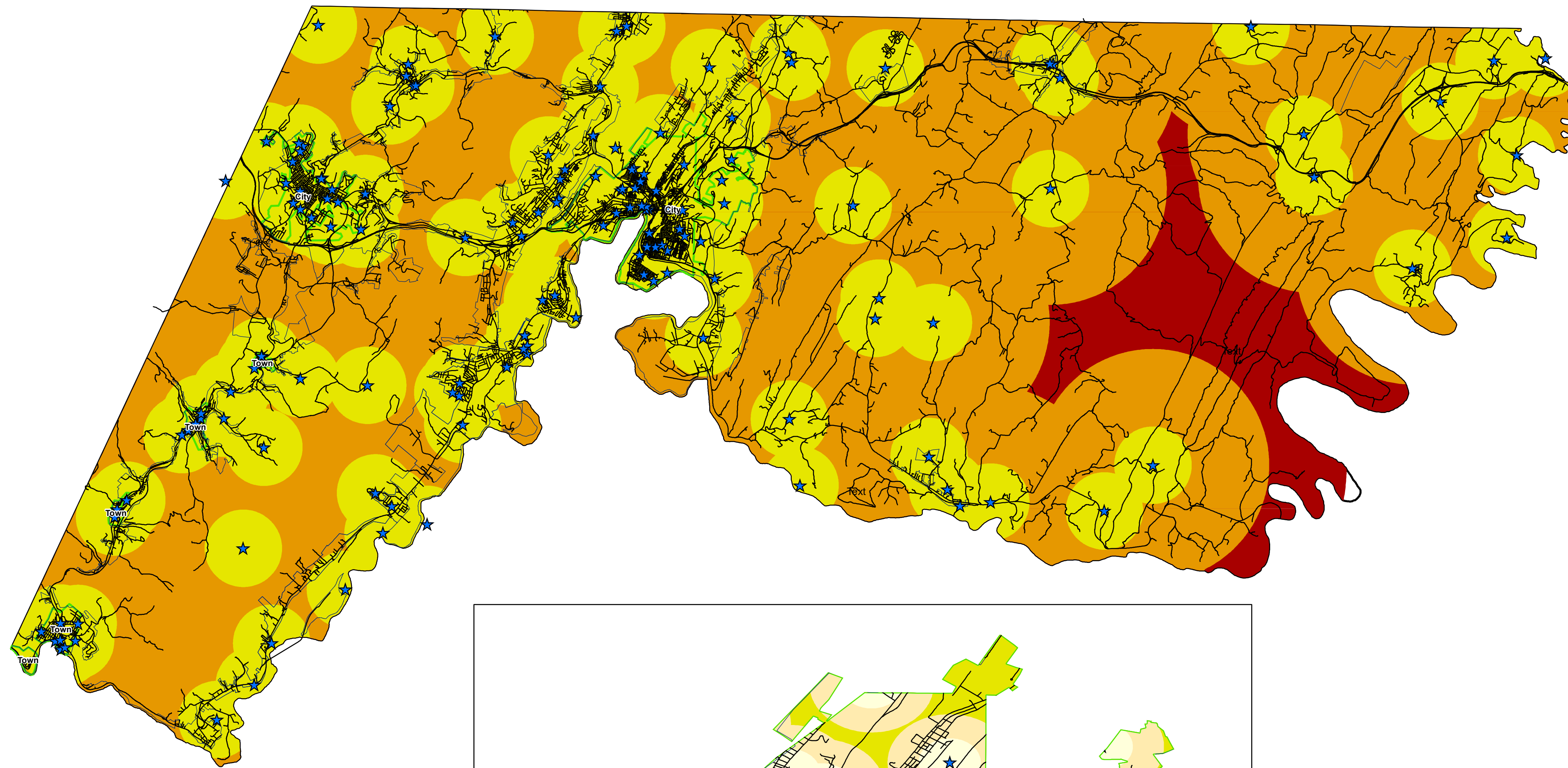
90. There should be a dedicated County Recreation Department in Allegany County to oversee daily operations of all City and County owned facilities, and scheduling of facilities including school facilities when available.
91. Nothing.
92. More rules enforced
93. Provide transportation for those that can't otherwise visit. Add more, please!!!
94. Need skateboard park, facilities with decent restroom, more facilities for young people
95. Add another boat ramp to Rocky Gap.
96. Keep the cleaned and up to date
97. Change Rocky Gap, local people are very upset about not being able to get in or get a table unless we show up at 4 am. We shouldn't have to. One time in the past few years I actually found one table free, put our towels on it and went to the lake to come back to our table gone. They moved our towels and took our table. Not ok and unfair.
98. Wish there were more areas like rocky gap state park, where outdoor events can be held near water. Also, more information on trails. Can't find trailhead on certain trails.
99. Work with other user groups to open areas, remove legal access issues to areas that can be used for outdoor activities. These areas are not being used commercially, yet the landowners do not allow access for outdoor activities, e.g., Rock climbing (locust grove) bird watching, walking etc.
100. Nothing.
101. More attention to cleaning/ maintenance.
102. Better upkeep
103. Major upgrades all around. We should be offering public space for the community to enjoy, not avoid.
104. Some areas need updating
105. The bigger State Parks seem to get more attention than the local parks. Local parks seem worn and outdated, especially Constitution Park.
106. Open longer hours
107. Add more walking trails and paths to the playgrounds and schools
108. get rid of many of them
109. boat ramp in Pinto area. Work with WV for ramp in Carpendale
110. Cumberland needs more soccer fields. Both Washington and Braddock shared fields this fall. Mason fields are awful to play on.
111. Privatize a portion of Rocky Gap, better for the local economy. Better for the park itself. All the "Save the GAP Trail" is nonsense.
112. City parks such as Constitution park are often dirty, trash laying around. During summer camp some of the camp kids are rude, do not listen and are not corrected enough by camp counselors. Parents at the park are often rude as well, trash the park, dog poop is not being picked up. Some parks within city limits need more frequently cleaned and maintained. Rules should be better enforced
113. Updated amenities
114. Need better fishing management like lakes in Montgomery County
115. Cleaned more, mowed more ~ with the amount of laws broken in Allegany Co. and filled courts, certainly in the warmer months people could be sentenced to

- do community hours by picking up trash, mowing, painting, repairing tables, etc. If a person has the energy and ability to get into the legal trouble they do, that small amount of work wouldn't be difficult for them to do even under supervision.
116. There should be options, a place to go, for skateboarding
 117. Better upkeep, more updates, way more advertising.
 118. There should be more indoor recreational facilities for kids. The only place for kids in the wintertime is the YMCA and local schools to practice and participate in sports. It is very difficult to find an open gym.
 119. Dans Mt state park needs to be open for camping
 120. N/a
 121. Better upkeep
 122. need to be patrolled more
 123. See #7 answer.
 124. Constitution Park needs new picnic tables and should be cleaner
 125. We need to set up police in the areas
 126. More bathroom facilities
 127. Cleanliness
 128. Advertising where they are at; host public events at those locations so that folks know where they are. MAINTAIN THEM-many are overgrown with weeds, have outdated equipment, aren't open during convenient hours.
 129. Additional funding for maintenance and improvements.
 130. More camping
 131. More options for well-marked and easily accessible trails
 132. Fund them better and maintain them. Do NOT privatize Rocky Gap the way Shade, Buckle and their minions tried to do!
 133. Much more collaboration between the County and the City of Cumberland. To me, it is a "no brainer" and would result in more rec activities and improved facilities. Often feels like old attitudes restrict our ability to enhance the activities, facilities, etc., that the Area already has.
 134. Pool on the east end of the county.
 135. Fund them...seriously fund them! Right now, our local leaders show disdain for them. They even openly try to privatize and sell them off like the Task Force on the Economic Future of Allegany County tried to privatize and ruin Rocky Gap.
 136. Alot of smaller resources/ parks in the area are not well advertised which is great for low traffic but more awareness of these areas could help boost tourism to the are to utilize the existing resources.
 137. I would make more Atv/Utv friendly areas
 138. I believe the County has the manpower and resources to help with the upkeep for these facilities. To help with lawn maintenance, general repair and maintenance, and upkeep and being accessible to the volunteers when help is needed for big products. These facilities are crucial for our youth and volunteers are few and far between anymore and the few who are left can't do it all.
 139. Some need to be cleaner but overall, I am pretty pleased. Most of the ones I visit are in the woods or at least wilder than domesticated if that makes sense. So there's certainly a line of acceptability when it comes to messy parks.

- 140. Keep them updated. More stuff to do away from the projects and criminal element
- 141. Pursue funding to construct a County-maintained gymnasium for local recreational teams to use/rent.
- 142. Would like to see more indoor recreation options, and more cabin type camping options and campsites with running water.
- 143. I'd like a dog park in or around Cumberland. The one at Constitution Park is disgusting. Bathroom facilities are always welcomed too.
- 144. More variety of things to do
- 145. cleanliness and maintenance of some of the facilities
- 146. Have a County Recreation Dept to oversee the facilities.
- 147. Some of the roads on Green Ridge Mountain need redone but so do a lot of county roads also.
- 148. some upgrades on equipment
- 149. There needs to be more recreation activities for the teenage population.
For example, BMX park, ATV trails, etc.
- 150. Open later, Lighting
- 151. Safety, cleanliness
- 152. Need a dog park
- 153. More access points
- 154. Clean them up
- 155. More bathrooms
- 156. NA
- 157. Better upkeep, more amenities for kids and families

Proximity to Parks

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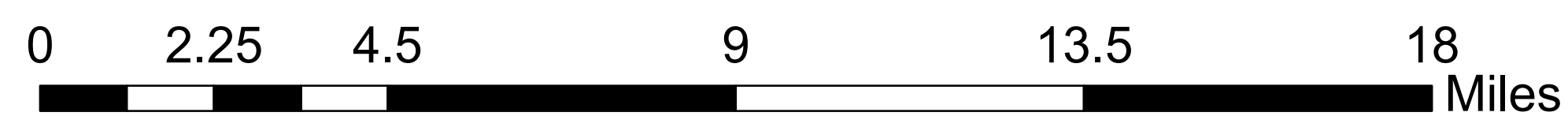
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Recreation Site Distances

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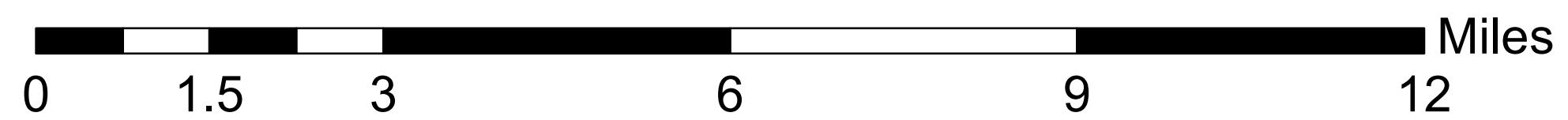
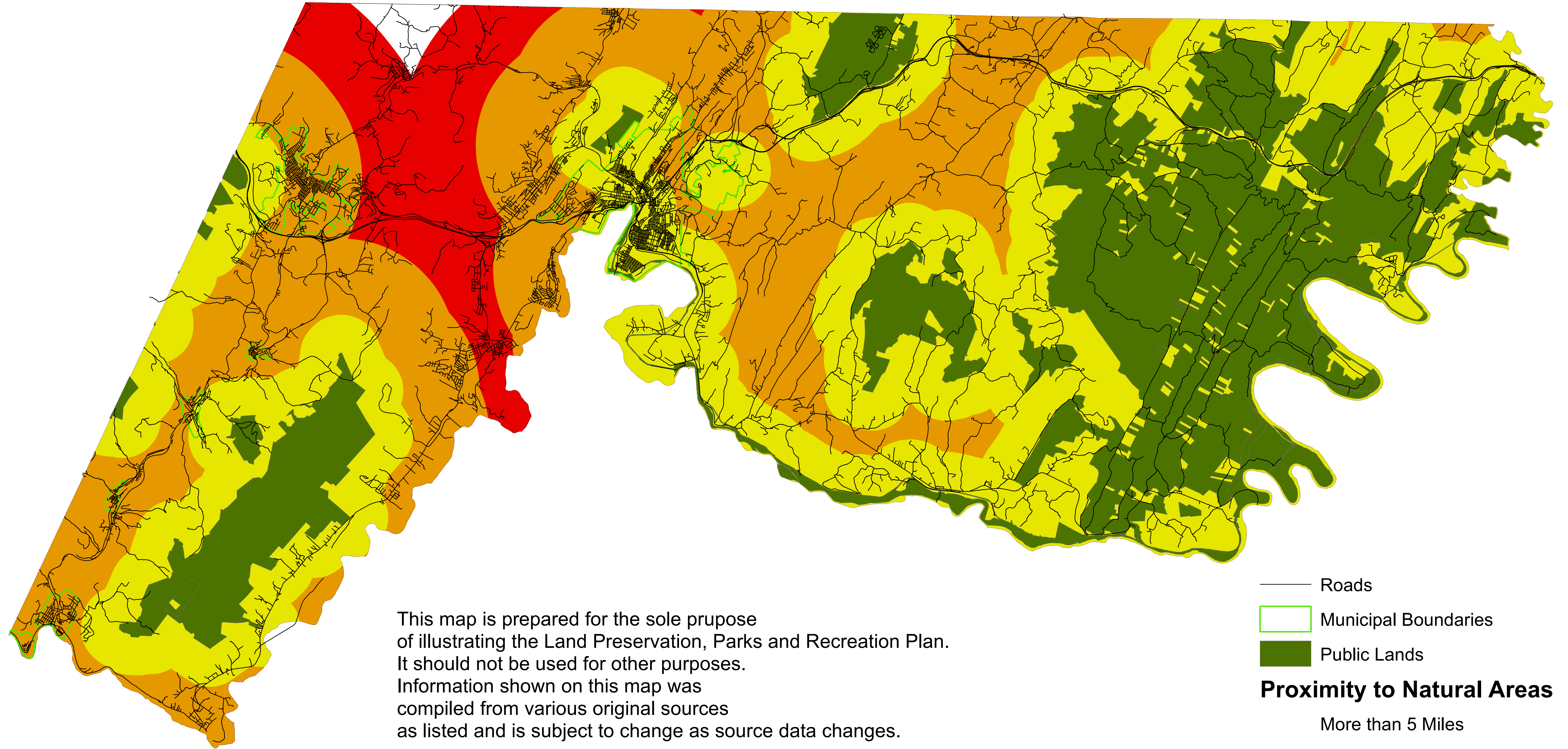
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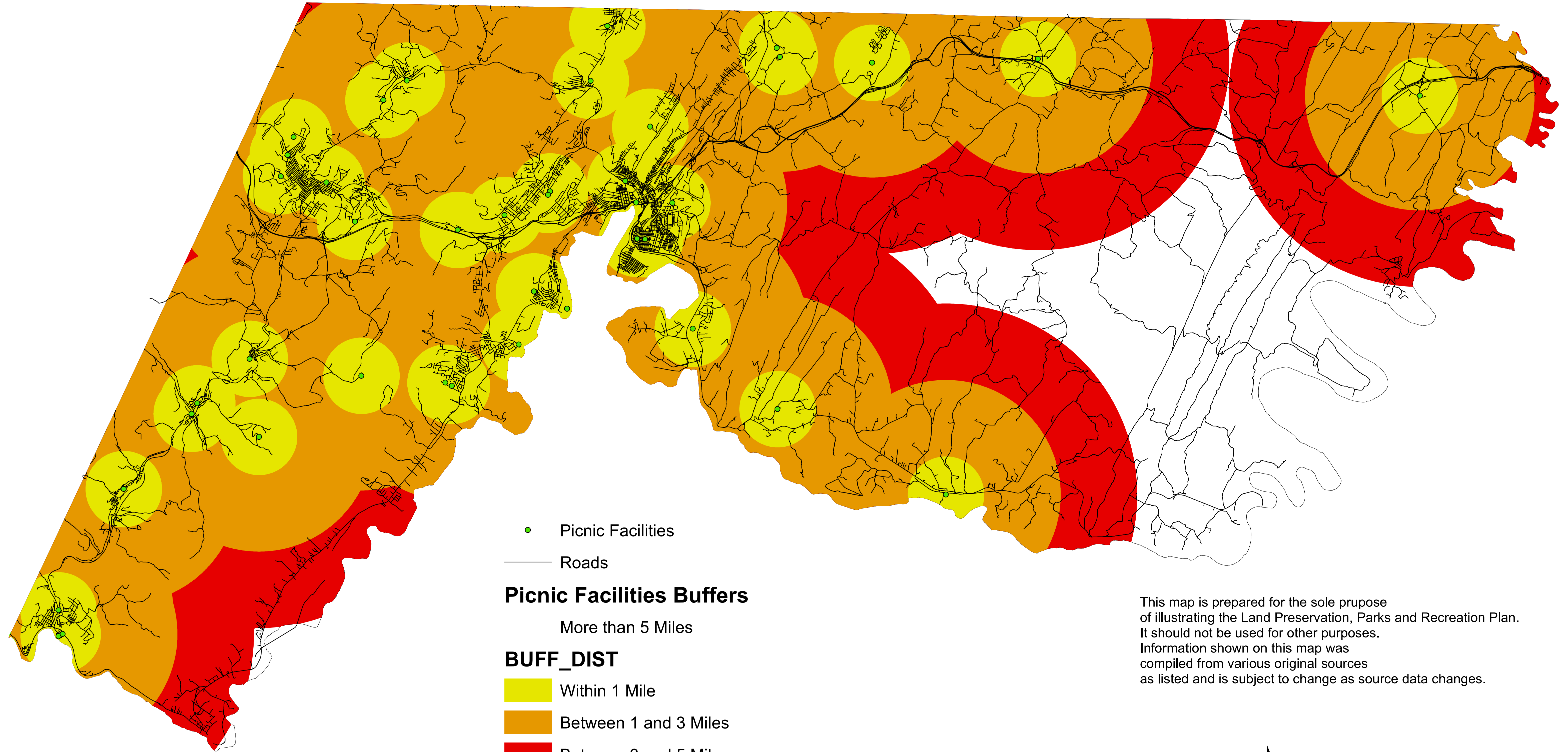
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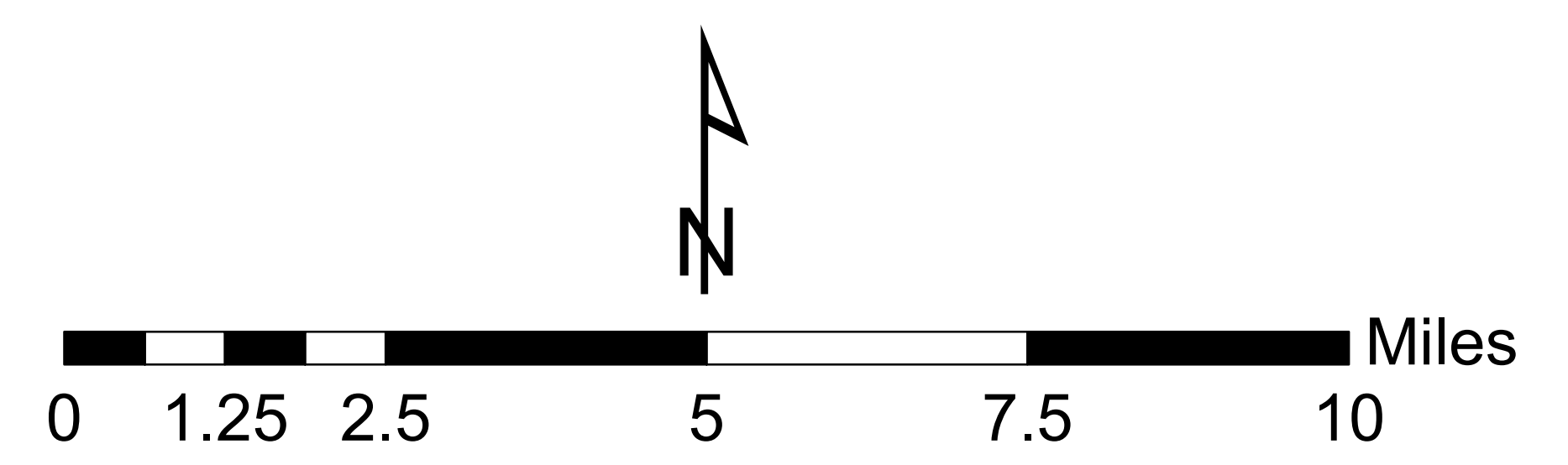
Proximity to Picnic Facilities

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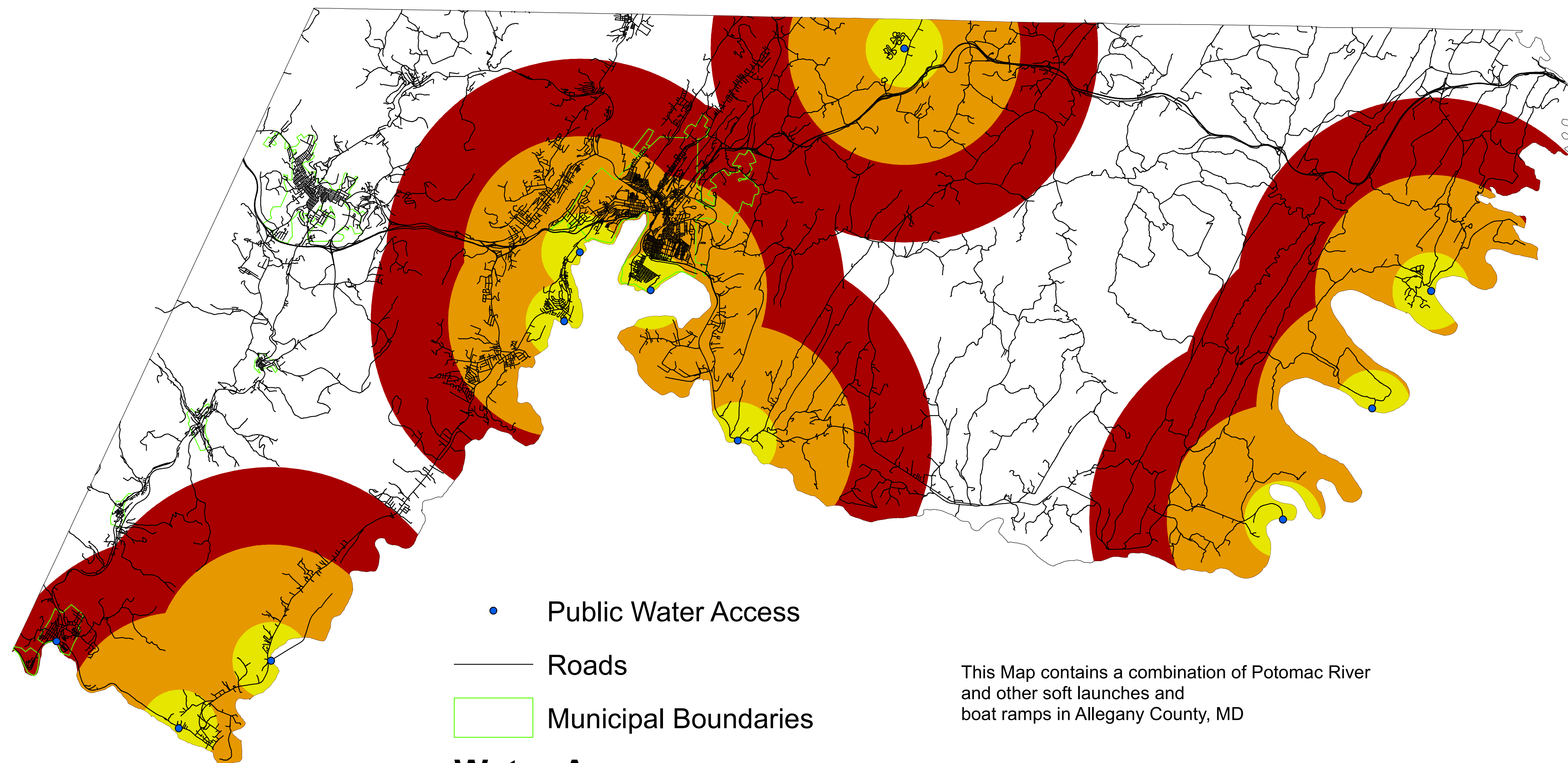
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Proximity to Water Access

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• Public Water Access

— Roads

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This Map contains a combination of Potomac River and other soft launches and boat ramps in Allegany County, MD

Water Access

More than 5 Miles

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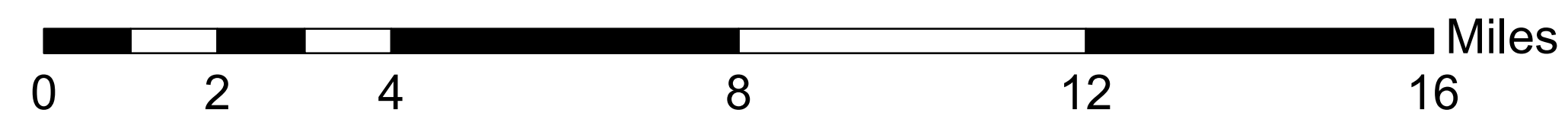
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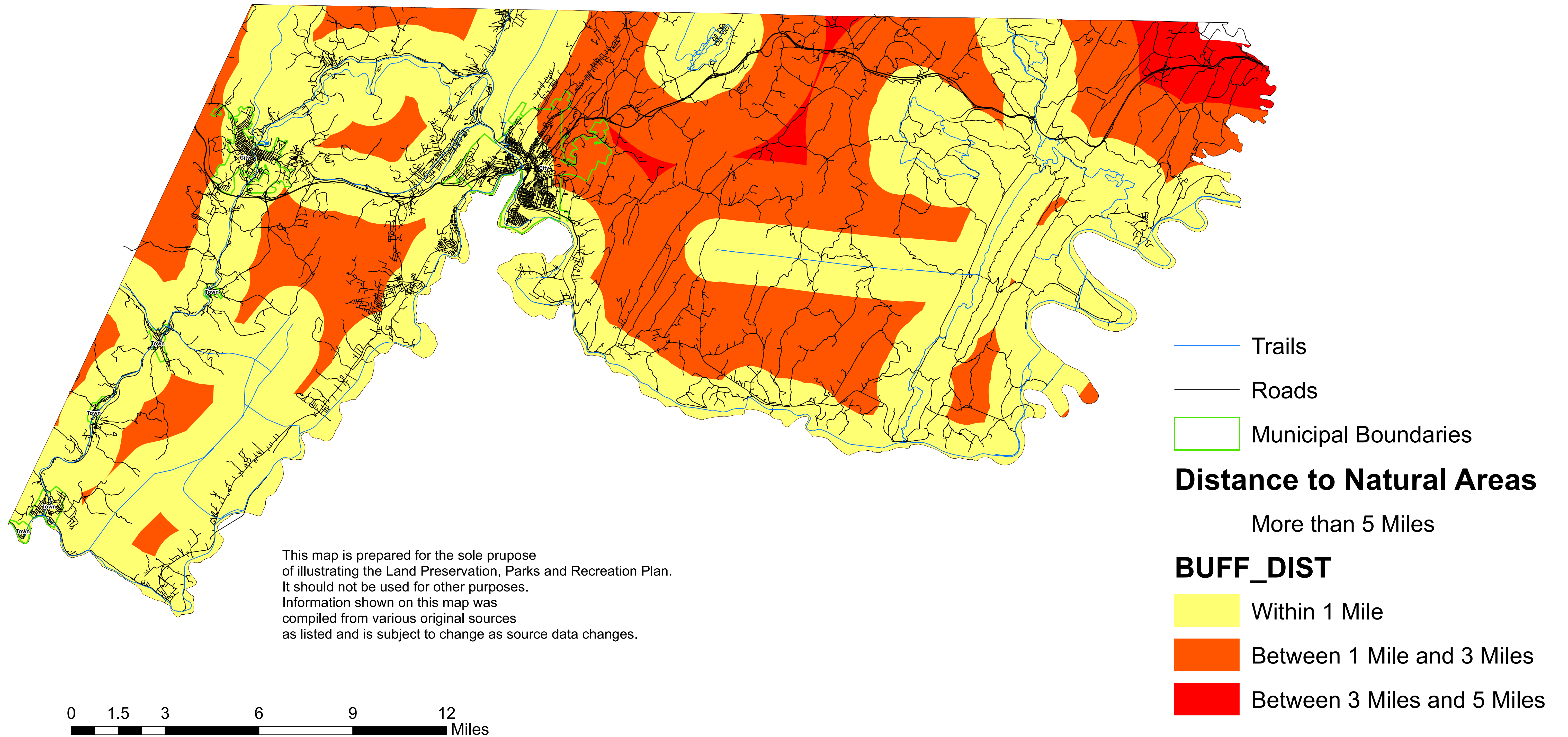
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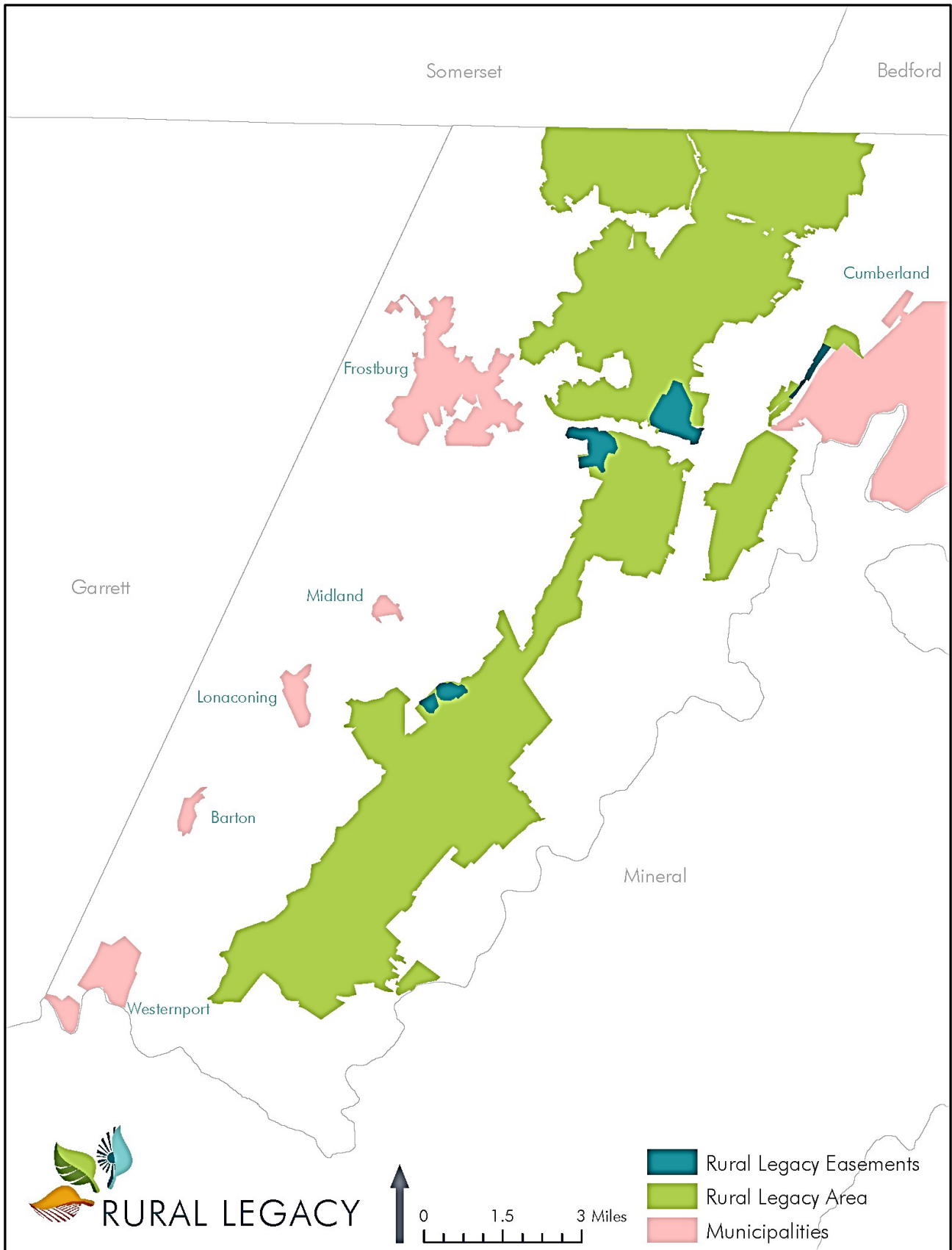


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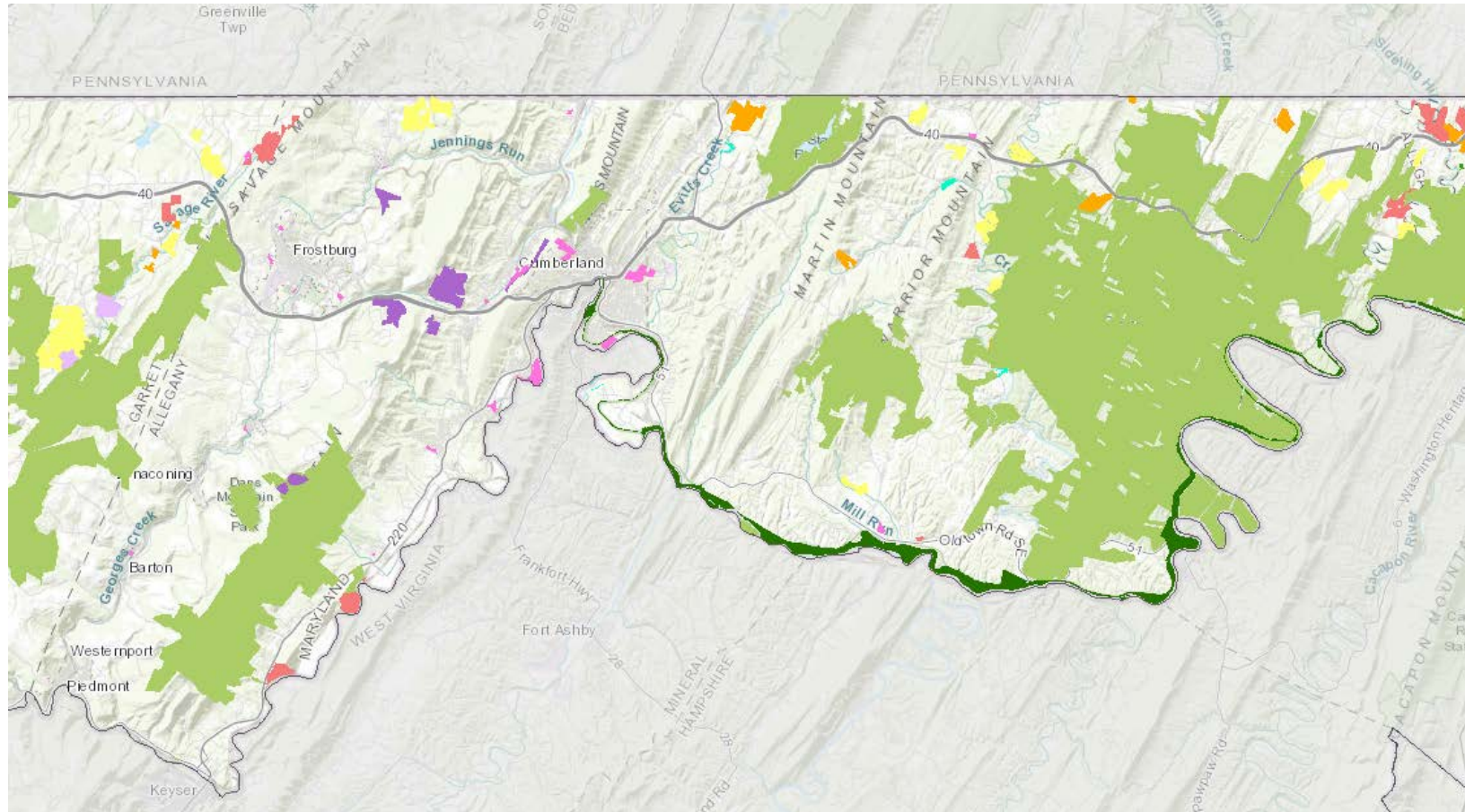
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Appendix L – Rural Legacy Map



Appendix M – Federally Protected Lands



Legend ⬆ ✕

State Boundary Mask

State Boundary Mask

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Protected Lands

DNR Owned Lands and Conservation Easements

- DNR Owned Properties
- DNR Owned Properties - Submerged
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
- Forest Legacy
- Other

Rural Legacy Properties

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MD Environmental Trust Easements

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Forest Conservation Act Easements

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MD Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation Easements

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Local Protected Lands

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Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program

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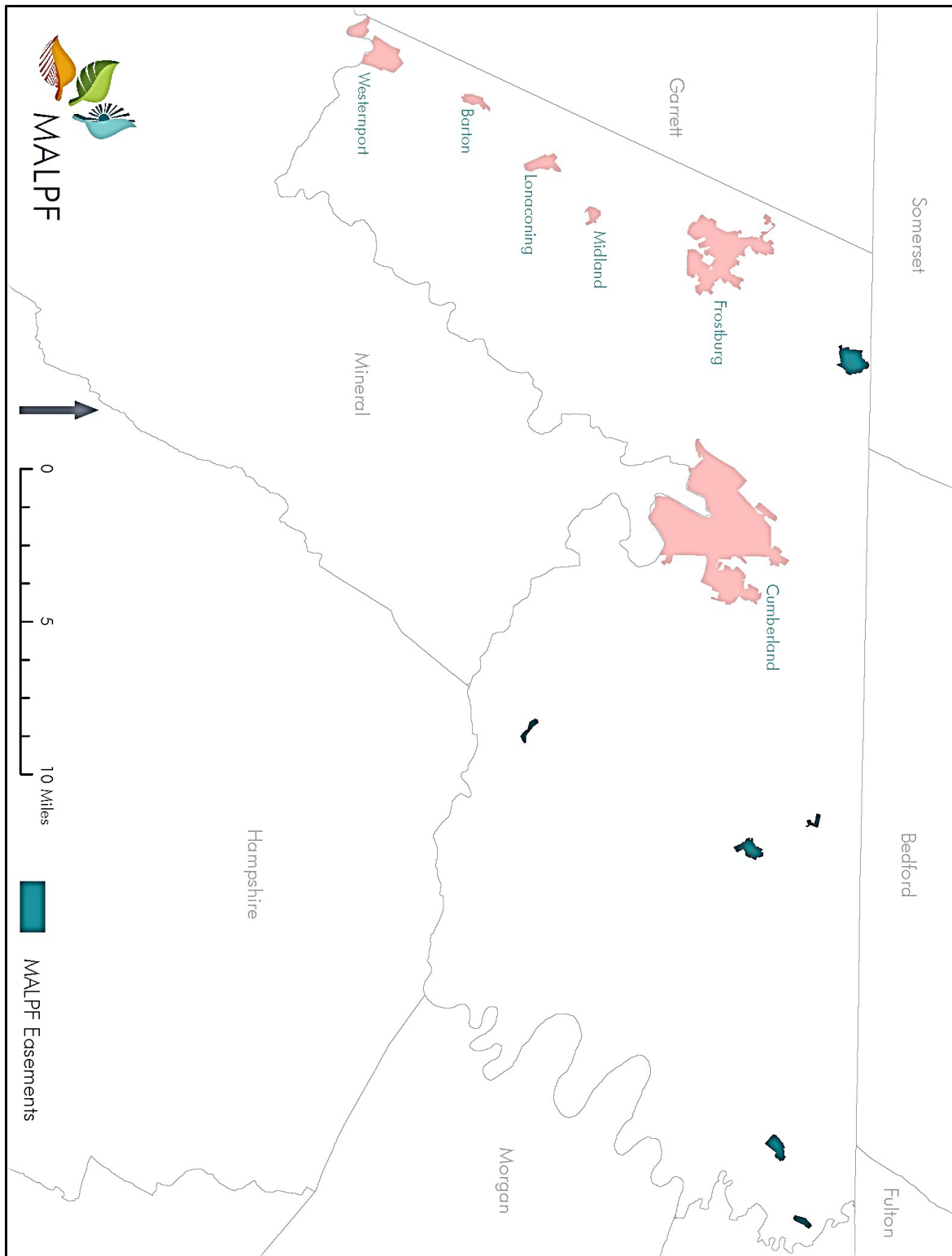
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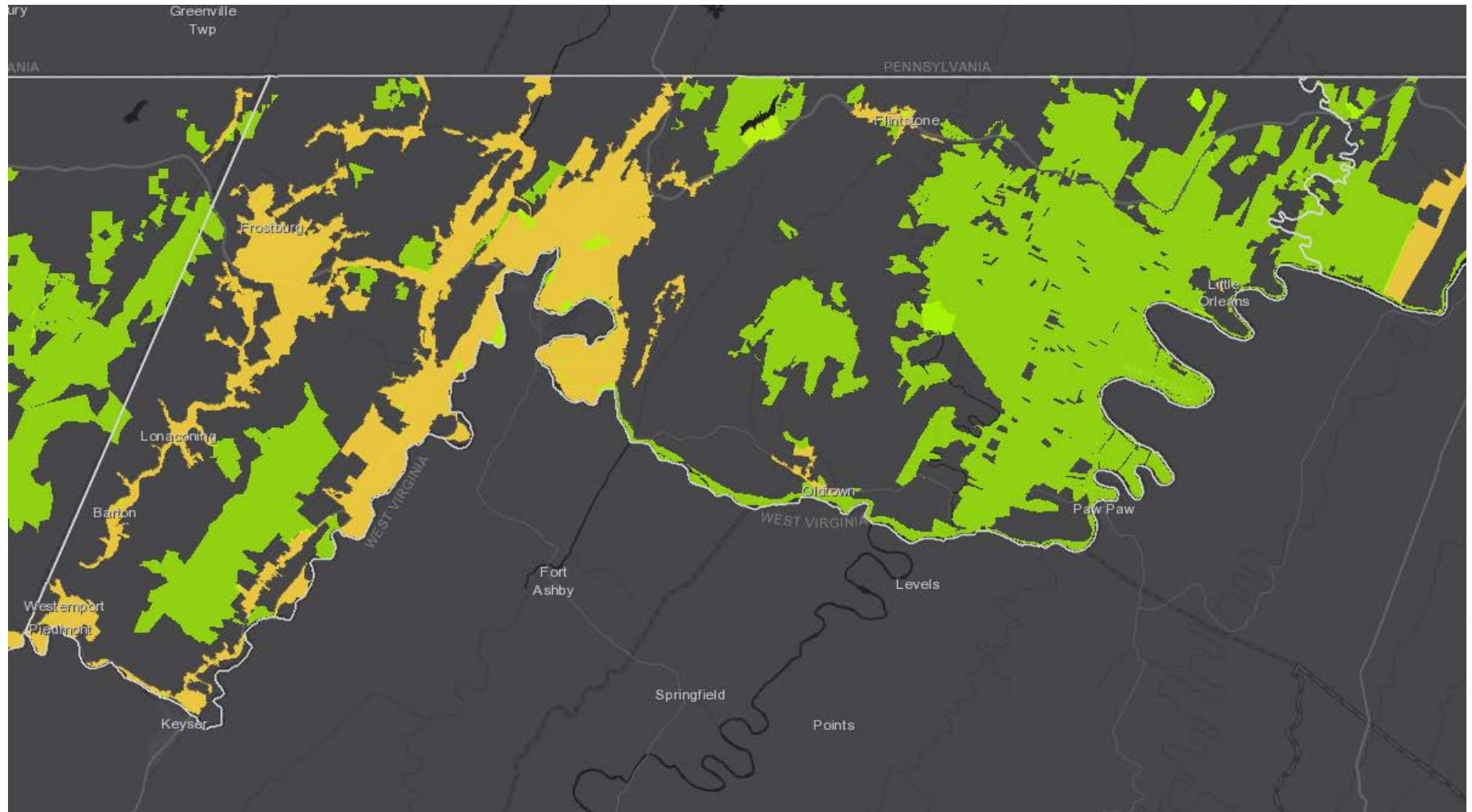
Transfer Development Rights and Purchase Development Rights

- Transfer Development Rights
- Purchase Development Rights

Appendix N – Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Map



Appendix O- Allegheny County Agricultural Land Preservation and Easements



Statewide Agricultural Land Preservation Easement Goal Breakdown

