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BOARD MEETINGS

MET is governed by a Board of Trustees responsible for reviewing and voting on matters such as landowner requests that result in a significant change or impact to conservation attributes of an easement property. All matters requiring Board approval are reviewed during the board meetings held at 4:00 pm in Crownsville, MD unless noted otherwise. These are public meetings. Please contact MET if you plan to attend at: met.info@maryland.gov

To learn more about activities that might require advanced approval or notification please contact MET's stewardship program staff. The agenda for each board meeting is posted in advance on MET's website: dnr.maryland.gov/met

2023 BOARD MEETING DATES:

- February 6
- May 1
- June 5
- September 11
- November 6

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (CY2023)

- Major Gary Burnett (Board Chair)
- Gregory Bowen (Vice-Chair)
- Julia Jitkoff (Treasurer)
- Megan D'Arcy (Secretary)
- Megan Benjamin
- Mark Hoffman
- Thomas Lloyd
- Lori Lynch
- Craig Highfield
- Thomas Prevas
- Susanne Richards
- Diana Conway
- Nathan Volke
- Keith Colston

EX OFFICIO MEMBERS

TRUSTEES EMERITI

- K. King Burnett
- Ellen Kelly
- John C. Murphy
- Henry A. Virts

STAFF

- John Turgeon, Director
- Ann Gutierrez Carlson, Conservation Easement Program Manager
- Jon Chapman, Stewardship Program Manager
- Wendy Foster, Easement Monitoring Specialist
- Michelle Grafton, Land Trust Assistance Manager
- Cindy Hoffmann, Technology and Records Manager
- Josette Markline, Stewardship Planner
- Michael Mingus, Conservation Easement Planner
- Kelly Price, Fiscal Officer and Administrative Director
- Mona Rudnicki, Bookkeeper

BY THE NUMBERS



PROTECT

MET protects more than 140,000 acres of Maryland's most treasured landscapes and natural resources. In 2022, MET partnered with four local land trusts to complete **13 new conservation easements protecting more than 1,900 acres** in 9 counties.



STEWARD

As part of ensuring the long-term protection of the land, MET takes on stewardship obligations to ensure that easement provisions are upheld forever. In 2022, MET and its partners monitored over **850 easement properties** through in-person visits and review of aerial imagery.



PARTNER

MET relies on its partnerships to accomplish its land conservation goals and to steward the more than 1,100 conservation easements MET holds across Maryland. In 2022, MET partnered with **20 land trusts and 27 volunteers** to monitor 558 easements.



INVEST

The Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants program invests in environmental stewardship. In 2023, grants totaling **\$92,000 were distributed to 31 awardees** in 12 counties and Baltimore City. Awardees included nonprofits, schools, communities and local land trusts.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

I am immensely proud to look back on the past year at Maryland Environmental Trust and recognize all that we and our partners have accomplished. I hope you enjoy reading about our successes in the pages that follow. Our dedicated trustees and staff, a strong and eager network of volunteers, close partnerships in the land trust community, and most importantly, the continued enthusiasm of Marylanders to protect and preserve our exceptional natural heritage, enabled us to achieve significant conservation goals in 2022. We now look forward to implementing our five-year strategic plan adopted last fall, and positioning ourselves to pursue new opportunities that have come with the changes in Annapolis this year.

Until next time! *John Turgeon*



PROTECT

PROTECTING LAND FOREVER

From the forested mountains of Garrett County to the shores of the Chesapeake Bay, Maryland has natural areas and scenic beauty rivaled by few states in the nation. As one of the oldest and most successful land trusts in the country, the Maryland Environmental Trust holds over 1,100 conservation easements conserving more than 140,000 acres statewide.

By protecting your land with a conservation easement: you leave a natural legacy; you improve quality of life; conserve scenic views and wildlife habitat; ensure the future viability of farming and forestry; and preserve the rural character and natural beauty of communities all across Maryland.

In 2022, MET worked with landowners and local land trusts and governmental partners to protect 13 new easements on more than 1,900 acres in 9 counties. Thank you for helping to protect some of Maryland's most treasured landscapes. Here are snapshots of the new easements:



THE ASPEN INSTITUTE, INC.
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY 327.15 acres

Protected in partnership with:

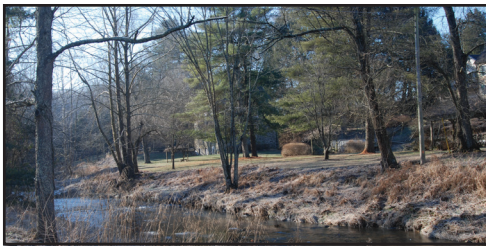

Conservation Features:




THE ASPEN INSTITUTE, INC.
QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY 259.82 acres

Protected in partnership with:


Conservation Features:

IAN THOMAS BOTTIGLIERI, MARGARET ELIZABETH BOTTIGLIERI, and THOMAS BOTTIGLIERI

HARFORD COUNTY 44.97 acres

Protected in partnership with:



Conservation Features:



PATRIOT POINT, LLC

DORCHESTER COUNTY 290.74 acres

Conservation Features:



KIRK ANDREW RIECKHOFF

ST. MARY'S COUNTY 144.71 acres

Conservation Features:



MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION

BALTIMORE CITY 46.85 acres

Protected in partnership with:



Conservation Features:



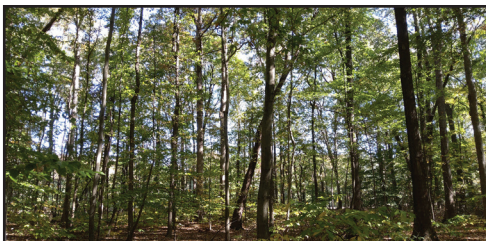
THE MOUNT VERNON LADIES' ASSOCIATION OF THE UNION, INC.

CHARLES COUNTY 29.32 acres

Protected in partnership with:



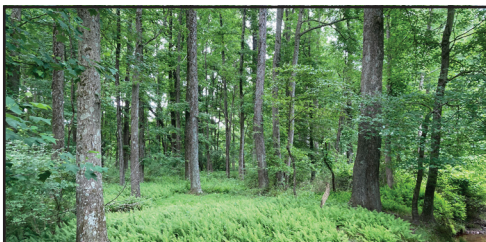
Conservation Features:



JOHN FRANK HARPER, III

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY 276 acres

Conservation Features:



GREEN POINT FARMS, L.L.C.

KENT COUNTY 204.51 acres

Protected in partnership with:



Conservation Features:



CONSERVATION FEATURES



FOREST AREAS

Protection of forested areas to protect habitat, sustainable forest management and adjacent aquatic resources.



NATURAL HABITAT

Protection of a relatively natural habitat of fish, wildlife, plants or similar ecosystems.



AGRICULTURE

Protection of farmland to protect soils and ensure agricultural lands are protected.



HISTORIC IMPORTANCE

Preservation of a historically important land area or certified historical structure.



SCENIC VALUE

Preservation of open space for the scenic enjoyment of the general public.



OUTDOOR REC AND/OR EDUCATION

Preservation of land areas for outdoor recreation by, or education of, the general public.



WATER QUALITY

Buffer is required to protect shoreline /streambank, aquatic resources and habitat.



ADJACENT TO PROTECTED LANDS

Property is adjacent to other protected lands, either public or private.



GREEN POINT FARMS, L.L.C. KENT COUNTY

88.18 acres

Protected in partnership with:



Conservation Features:



SAVAGE RIVER LAND CO., LLC GARRETT COUNTY

60.9 acres

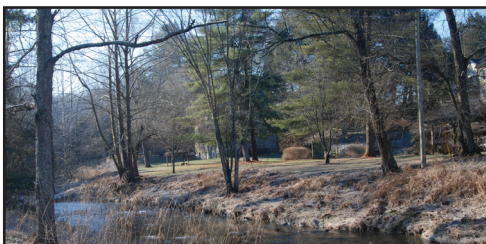
Conservation Features:



ROBERT MARTIN GARRETT COUNTY

85 acres

Conservation Features:



BEAVER ROAD II LLC TALBOT COUNTY

128 acres

Protected in partnership with:



Conservation Features:



PARTNER

WORKING TOGETHER TO STEWARD MORE THAN 140,000 ACRES

Maryland Environmental Trust relies on its partnerships with landowners, land trusts, local municipalities, and volunteers to accomplish its land conservation goals and to steward more than 1,100 conservation easements MET holds across Maryland.

LAND STEWARD VOLUNTEERS

MET trains and coordinates volunteers who serve as land stewards to assist MET in monitoring its easements. Volunteer Land Stewards visit protected easement properties to document changes using a short monitoring form and photographs. To learn more about MET's volunteer opportunities visit our website.

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/met/Pages/volunteer.aspx>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED DEDICATION AND SERVICE!

Jan Atwood

James Bacinski

Joyce Bell

Wayne Bell

Megan Benjamin

Vickie Brunt

Mary Burke

Elizabeth Crane-Wexler

Allison Dinwoodie

David Ennis

Nathan Harris

Eric Heimburger

Kris Knutson

Ashari Lindo

Jessica Lohmeyer

Heather Morris

Tammy Rupp

Jerry Schaefer

Aaron Siegle

Bob Taylor

Betsy Taylor

Glenn Thompson

Dan Tudge

Bob Wason

Susan Wason

Ivan Weinstein

Morgan Wolk

LAND TRUST PARTNERS

MET partners with local land trusts and other co-holding partners to meet our mutual land conservation and stewardship goals. Maryland's land trusts operate in communities around the state. Visit MET's online Land Trust Directory and learn more about the land trusts and conservation partners in your region.

https://dnr.maryland.gov/met/Documents/Land_Trust_Directory.pdf

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP OF OUR PROTECTED LANDS!

American Chestnut Land Trust

Catoctin Land Trust

Cecil Land Trust

Charles Koiner Conservancy

Conservancy for Charles County

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy

Harford Land Trust

Howard County Conservancy

Lower Shore Land Trust

Magothy River Land Trust

NeighborSpace of Baltimore County

Patuxent Conservation Corps

Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust

Rockburn Land Trust

Scenic Rivers Land Trust

Sugarloaf Countryside

Conservancy

The Manor Conservancy

The Potomac Conservancy

Wetlands America Trust

INVEST

2023 KEEP MARYLAND BEAUTIFUL GRANTS TOTAL \$92,000

Maryland Environmental Trust, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Transportation and the non-profit Forever Maryland, awarded 31 Keep Maryland Beautiful grants totaling \$92,000.

The Keep Maryland Beautiful Grants program invests in Maryland's environmental stewards. Grants through the Keep Maryland Beautiful program help volunteer-based nonprofit groups, communities and local land trusts in Maryland to support environmental education projects, citizen stewardship, and to protect natural resources in urban and rural areas.

2023 Keep Maryland Beautiful recipients included schools, nonprofit groups, municipalities, and local land trusts in 12 counties and Baltimore City. More information on the Keep Maryland Beautiful grant program is available online at dnr.maryland.gov/met/Pages/grant_programs.aspx.



2023 KMB GRANT RECIPIENTS

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park
Scenic Rivers Land Trust

BALTIMORE CITY

Baltimore Green Space
Civic Works
Environmental Justice Journalism Initiative
Grow & Eat
Lafayette Square Community Development Corporation
Living Classrooms Foundation
Plantation Park Heights Urban Farm
The Sixth Branch
The Urban Oasis

BALTIMORE COUNTY

Gwynn Oak Community Association
NeighborSpace of Baltimore County

CALVERT COUNTY

American Chestnut Land Trust

CHARLES COUNTY

Conservancy for Charles County
Gale-Bailey Elementary Green Club

FREDERICK COUNTY

Catoctin Land Trust

GARRETT COUNTY

Crellin Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

HARFORD COUNTY

Harford Land Trust
Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway

HOWARD COUNTY

Glenelg Country School
Howard County Conservancy
Patapsco Heritage Greenway

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Amula Foundation
Bethesda Green
Charles Koiner Center for Urban Farming
Montgomery Parks Foundation

ST. MARY'S COUNTY

Greenwell Foundation

TALBOT COUNTY

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance



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STEWARD

ADVANCING AND ENHANCING

The staff at MET appreciate our Conservation Easement property owners and consider them highly valued land steward partners. We understand that maintaining a property can be hard work and restoring or enhancing land can seem overwhelming. Stewardship staff are available to assist easement owners with enhancing the environmental and scenic aspects of their properties. Many resources are available through state, local, and nonprofit programs and the Stewardship Program can provide a connection between those resources and landowners.

To learn more about enhanced stewardship opportunities, visit MET's Stewardship Program webpage dnr.maryland.gov/met/Pages/stewardship.aspx



**MY CONTACT INFORMATION HAS CHANGED.
HOW DO I UPDATE MY CONTACT INFORMATION?**



Scan the QR code to visit the easement landowner survey to update your contact details or contact MET's stewardship staff.