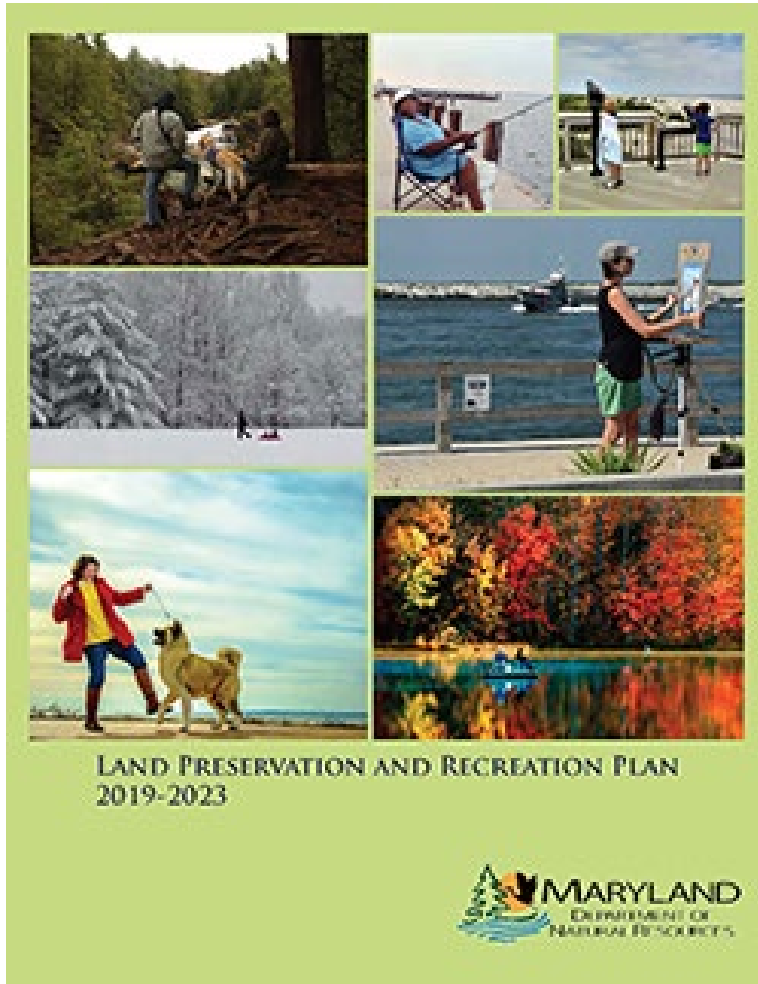




LAND PRESERVATION & RECREATION PLAN (LPRP)

BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 21, 2022



PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

Update the 2019 LPRP.

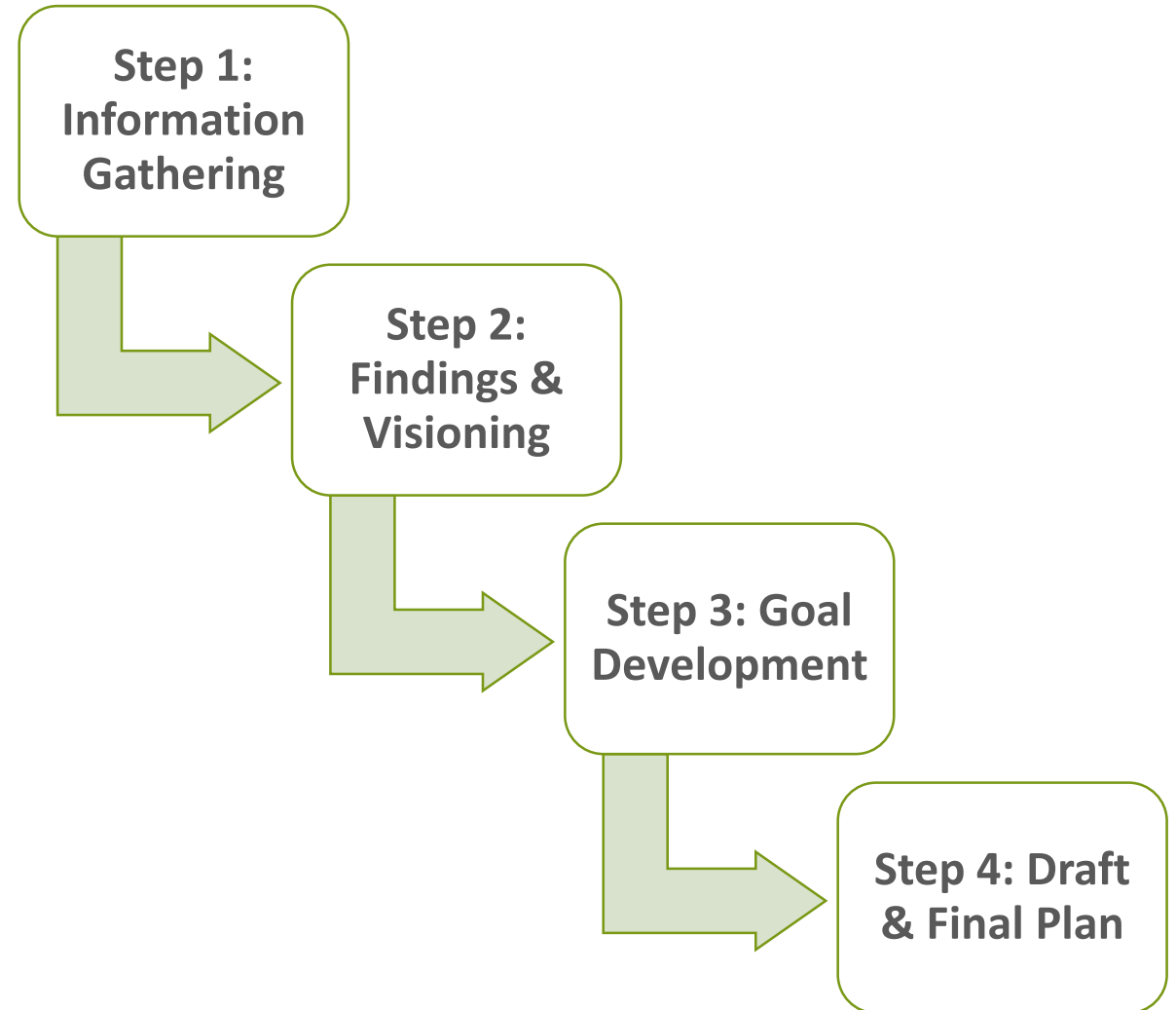
Identify current outdoor recreation and open space inventory, trends, needs, and issues in Maryland.

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

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

MAJOR PROJECT COMPONENTS

- **1. Information Gathering & Analysis**
 - Review background data
 - Statewide Surveys
 - Inventory Update & Gap Analysis
 - Regional Stakeholder Focus Groups
 - Analyze and Coalesce Data
- **2. Findings & Visioning**
 - Preliminary recommendations
- **3. Goals & Recommendations**
- **4. Draft and Final Plans**



STEP 1: INFORMATION GATHERING & ANALYSIS

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2 Survey Instruments:

Statistically-Valid Version

- A. Random sample; seeking at least 2,800 responses (same as 2019)
- B. By phone - purposely shorter
- C. User & Non-User respondents

Open-link / Public Version

- A. Online, self-selected participation
- B. Format allows for more questions/greater detail
- C. Respondents tend to be users

PROJECT TIMELINE

Information Gathering and Analysis:
July 2022 – December 2022

Findings & Visioning:
January 2023 – February 2023

Goal Development & Draft Plan Preparation:
January 2023 – July 2023

State & National Park Service Review/Editing of Draft:
August 2023 – September 2023

Final Draft Preparation & National Park Service approval:
September 2023 – December 2023

BUILDING ON THE 2019 PLAN

- **Strengths of the 2019 Plan Document**

- *Stand-out elements, format, flow of information, etc., that should be retained for 2024?*

- **Relevance of Focus Areas**

- *What's most relevant today?*
- *What new trends or challenges need to be recognized?*
- *Are there success stories from the past five years that should be celebrated?*

- **Improvements**

- *Inclusion of 2022 local Land Preservation, Parks, and Recreation Plan (LPPRP) data*
- *Structural changes to plan document, layout, flow, etc.?*

2019 LPRP Key Strategies



Goal 1: Coordination and Collaboration

Strengthen coordination and collaboration between federal, state, and local government agencies and other key stakeholders in planning for the provision of outdoor recreation opportunities and land conservation initiatives.



Goal 2: Promote the Benefits of Outdoor Recreation and Conservation of Natural Lands

Promote the economic, cultural, health, and environmental benefits of outdoor recreation and conservation of natural lands. Seek to increase the public's understanding of these benefits to enhance interest and participation in recreating outdoors in Maryland.



Goal 3: Increase Access to Open Spaces and Waterfronts

Increase and improve opportunities for all segments of the population to access land and water-based outdoor recreation opportunities.



Goal 4: Improve What's Already Available

Improve the overall quality of outdoor recreation infrastructure at public parks and outdoor areas across the state.

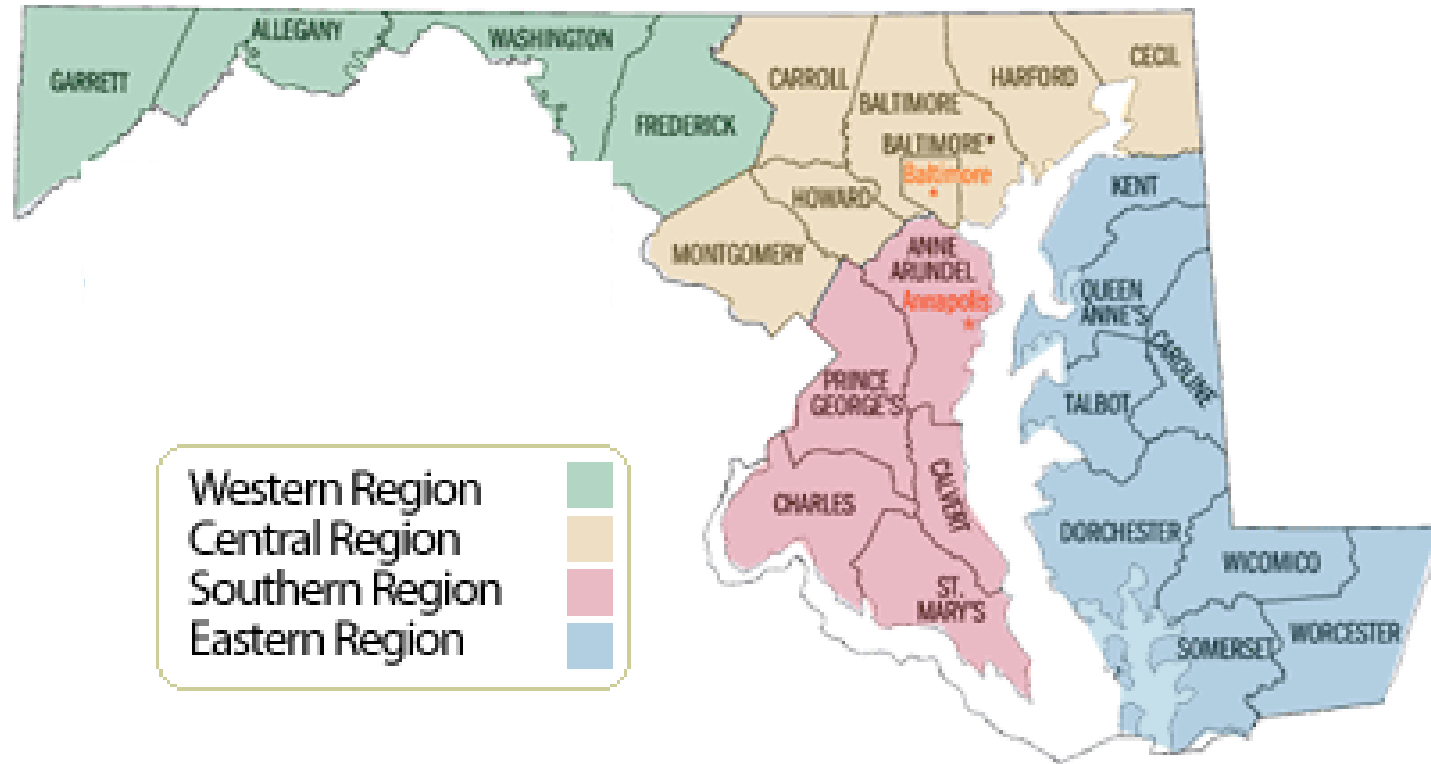


Goal 5: Develop an Informed Stewardship Culture

Promote environmental education and use of parks and outdoor areas as teaching tools to foster a positive stewardship ethos among children, youth, and their families.

REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

- Seeking feedback on recreational use, demand, needs, and priorities, public and stakeholder perceptions.
- Four half-day workshops – one per DNR service region.
- Seeking input from at least 30 participants per workshop.



NEXT STEPS:

1. REVIEW OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION
2. PUBLICIZE AND ADMINISTER STATEWIDE OUTDOOR RECREATION SURVEY
3. SCHEDULE, PROMOTE, AND PREPARE FOR FOUR REGIONAL STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS
4. UPDATE STATE OUTDOOR RECREATION INVENTORY, BUILD COUNTY DATA SETS FROM 2022 LAND PRESERVATION, PARKS, AND RECREATION PLANS (LPPRP)