

Department of Natural Resources

MISSION

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources leads the state toward a resilient future by using data, partnerships, and an innovative spirit to improve ecological, social, and economic outcomes for all communities.

VISION

Inspired by nature and rooted in science to improve and grow stewardship for Maryland's natural resources.

KEY GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal 1. Healthy Terrestrial Ecosystems.

- Obj. 1.1** Establish scientifically supported sustainable harvest strategies for game species populations through a variety of survey methods.
- Obj. 1.2** Restore and/or maintain 5,000 acres of critical plant and wildlife habitat by June 30, 2027.
- Obj. 1.3** Preserve and protect Maryland's aquatic and wildlife habitats and populations by increasing the number of conservation inspections conducted to 170,000 by 2021.
- Obj. 1.4** Restore 2,000 miles of riparian forest buffers (RFBs) in Maryland by 2025.
- Obj. 1.5** Provide multiple ecosystem benefits by annually achieving integrated resource management covering 25,000 acres of non-industrial private forest lands and guiding 700 forest landowners in natural resources management that meets their needs.
- Obj. 1.6** Protect and improve water and soil quality to create healthier environment.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
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| Number of deer hunting participants | 62,000 | 62,000 | 59,692 | 52,783 | 57,740 | 57,643 | 57,643 |
| Number of bear hunting participants | 2,643 | 1,870 | 1,889 | 1,848 | 1,843 | 1,863 | 1,863 |
| Number of deer harvested | 81,729 | 70,845 | 76,687 | 72,642 | 84,201 | 77,221 | 77,221 |
| Number of bears harvested | 117 | 54 | 103 | 103 | 125 | 110 | 110 |
| Cumulative number of acres of habitat restored since 2004 | 4,235 | 4,350 | 5,200 | 7,098 | 9,795 | 10,795 | 11,795 |
| Cumulative acres of early successional habitat created | 5,130 | 5,381 | 5,632 | 5,830 | 6,269 | 6,520 | 6,770 |
| Number of Park Service acres restored to preserve biodiversity | 39 | 155 | 376 | 327 | 266 | 250 | 300 |
| Number of conservation inspections conducted | 114,965 | 154,047 | 142,521 | 133,441 | 136,110 | 138,882 | 141,660 |
| Number of conservation inspections per officer | 653 | 1,007 | 885 | 691 | 547 | 536 | 527 |
| Acres of RFBs established | 169 | 226 | 206 | 341 | 387 | 325 | 350 |
| Miles of RFBs restored in Maryland | 10 | 10 | 9 | 23 | 17 | 18 | 18 |
| Cumulative miles restored in Bay Watershed since 1996 | 1,458 | 1,468 | 1,477 | 1,500 | 1,517 | 1,535 | 1,553 |
| Number of acres covered by Forest Stewardship Plans | 33,989 | 22,802 | 22,047 | 21,489 | 22,260 | 23,000 | 22,620 |
| Total acres of management practices implemented | 17,507 | 25,015 | 22,639 | 23,200 | 24,799 | 22,600 | 23,600 |
| Number of wildfires suppressed | 77 | 124 | 183 | 167 | 225 | 156 | 156 |
| Acres of wildfires suppressed | 1,153 | 3,067 | 4,658 | 956 | 8,291 | 3,301 | 4,055 |
| Number of acres of land protected to increase access for Marylanders | 2,658 | 2,284 | 1,623 | 1,873 | 3,457 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Number of restoration projects awarded for implementation that improve shallow water habitats and address community needs. | 31 | 27 | 30 | 26 | 39 | 56 | 40 |

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Goal 2. Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems.

Obj. 2.1 Utilizing the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund, annually reduce coastal non-point source pollution from entering Chesapeake, coastal, and ocean waters. Report on the status of key Chesapeake Bay resources as government, commercial, and citizen efforts to restore water and habitat quality of the Bay and its watershed continue through 2025.

Obj. 2.2 Annually produce technical assessments on Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) distribution and prevalence for Maryland's waters, develop new management strategies, and provide timely information to the public and agencies charged with protecting public health.

Obj. 2.3 Assess ecosystem components within non-tidal waters to evaluate critical fisheries and habitat elements for protection and/or restoration.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cumulative pounds of coastal non-point sources of nitrogen reduced through annual and structural land use change Best Management Plans (BMPs) | 4,330,106 | 4,464,554 | 4,683,602 | 5,038,497 | 4,830,571 | 4,644,482 | 3,214,052 |
| Cumulative pounds of coastal non-point sources of phosphorus reduced through annual and structural land use change BMPs | 213,318 | 220,550 | 228,377 | 235,094 | 254,153 | 269,376 | 186,412 |
| Cumulative pounds of coastal non-point sources of sediment reduced through annual and structural land use change BMPs (millions) | 370.766 | 373.039 | 370.779 | 370.780 | 370.801 | 370.817 | 256.611 |
| ¹ Number of tributaries with Harmful Algal Blooms | 18 | N/A | 3 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 4 |
| ¹ Number of fish or human health advisories events reported/responses | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| ¹ Acres of Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (goal=114,034) | 35,194 | 37,738 | 38,188 | 36,794 | 37,162 | 37,534 | 37,909 |
| ¹ Number of sites where Maryland Biological Stream Survey (MBSS) benthic, fish, herpetofauna, or habitat samples are collected | 171 | 189 | 137 | 139 | 159 | 160 | 160 |
| ¹ Number of freshwater mussel surveys | 30 | 36 | 46 | 38 | 40 | 40 | 35 |
| ¹ Number of freshwater watersheds with data available | 84 | 84 | 84 | 84 | 84 | 84 | 84 |

Obj. 2.4 Complete comprehensive reviews of local Critical Area Programs to assure consistency with law and regulations.

Obj. 2.5 Maximize the preservation and protection of living resources and aquatic habitat by providing annual, comprehensive surveys, charts, and accurate markings of State waterways.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
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| Percentage of Critical Area Programs reviewed and completed during the six-year cycle as required by law, and fully consistent with the Critical Area law and regulation | 9% | 6% | 3% | 3% | 8% | 16% | 14% |
| ¹ Number of monitoring stations reporting water quality trends | 198 | 199 | 197 | 197 | 206 | 208 | 208 |
| Number of oyster habitat and oyster location surveys completed | 97 | 27 | 30 | 68 | 83 | 94 | 106 |
| Number of waterway violation cases supported | 16 | 8 | 16 | 18 | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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Obj. 2.6 Annually achieve fishery sustainability objectives (target fishing level and/or biomass threshold) for blue crab, striped bass and oyster fisheries.

Obj. 2.7 Restore native oyster habitat and populations in 10 tributaries (5 in Maryland) by 2025 and ensure their protection.

Obj. 2.8 Facilitate the development of the Maryland aquaculture industry through collaboration with the Maryland Aquaculture Coordinating Council.

Obj. 2.9 Annually achieve statewide finfish population restoration and enhancement Sportfish Restoration objectives through 2021.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ¹ Number of fisheries being tracked/reviewed annually in accordance to a management plan | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 |
| ¹ Harvest rate (exploitation fraction) of female blue crabs relative to target harvest rate (28 percent) | 29% | 31% | 25% | 22% | 28% | 28% | 28% |
| ¹ Female crab winter dredge survey index of stock size (density-female crabs/1000m) | 16.5 | 10.6 | 15.5 | 13.5 | 11.7 | 15.0 | 15.0 |
| ¹ Striped bass juvenile index (abundance of young of the year fish) | 3.2 | 3.6 | 1.0 | 2.0 | 4.0 | 7.0 | 7.0 |
| Number of bushels of oysters harvested by the public fishery | 346,549 | 550,236 | 722,923 | 423,455 | 319,986 | 400,000 | 380,000 |
| Oyster biomass index (1994 base =1; goal = 10) | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| ¹ Number of hatchery oysters planted in large-scale restoration sanctuaries (millions) | 697 | 511 | 940 | 376 | 535 | 566 | 496 |
| ¹ Acres of oyster habitat restored in large-scale restoration sanctuaries | 66 | 41 | 174 | 64 | 63 | 216 | 30 |
| Number of new or expanded aquaculture businesses | 26 | 23 | 43 | 23 | 27 | 30 | 33 |
| Stock hatchery-cultured finfish to support population restoration, population enhancement, corrective stocking, put-and-take fishing, outreach, education, and research (millions) | 5.0 | 6.5 | 4.9 | 5.0 | 1.9 | 5.0 | 5.0 |

Obj. 2.10 Certify five additional Clean Marinas annually.

Obj. 2.11 Screen 20 applications per year to provide grants for the purchase and installation of marine sewage pump out stations.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ¹ Clean marinas certified | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| ¹ Cumulative number of clean marinas in State adopting best management practices (including those decertified over time) | 150 | 148 | 146 | 149 | 145 | 148 | 148 |
| Total number of pumpout stations operating in the State | 349 | 350 | 350 | 333 | 340 | 345 | 350 |
| New pumpout stations installed | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Pumpout stations replaced or upgraded | 11 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 8 | 9 |

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Goal 3. Fiscal Responsibility: Efficient Use of Energy & Resources and Support of Long-Term Economic Prosperity.

Obj. 3.1 Protect Maryland's ecologically-valuable lands and waters through effective project review, including permit applications, and policy strategies.

Obj. 3.2 Protect high value natural resources and outdoor recreational opportunities on public and private lands by reviewing more than 2,500 proposed projects and permits, on an annual basis, to minimize environmental harm and preserve investments in public lands.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of requests for new critical maintenance capital projects on DNR lands | 75 | 60 | 202 | 673 | 168 | 176 | 180 |
| Number of requests for new major capital development projects on DNR land (not including critical maintenance projects) | 47 | 33 | 37 | 35 | 34 | 35 | 37 |
| Number of projects on DNR lands initiated or completed | 76 | 56 | 195 | 236 | 210 | 214 | 218 |
| Percent of major capital development projects on DNR lands initiated or completed | 72% | 75% | 92% | 78% | 76% | 80% | 80% |
| Number of reviews for projects on public lands | 354 | 340 | 310 | 325 | 340 | 384 | 390 |
| Number of external permits and projects reviewed for impacts | 2,210 | 2,148 | 2,043 | 2,120 | 2,240 | 2,194 | 2,200 |
| Total number of proactive measures developed that afford additional protection to Maryland's natural resources | 12 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 10 |
| Number of project proposals reviewed for impacts to threatened and endangered species and other species of concern | 2,025 | 1,974 | 2,021 | 2,241 | 2,527 | 2,650 | 2,750 |

Obj. 3.3 Increase the number of State and local governments prepared for the impacts of future storm-events, shoreline changes, and sea level rise.

Obj. 3.4 Annually issue assessments and recommendations to minimize the environmental, public health, and socioeconomic impacts of electric energy facilities.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cumulative number of Maryland's state agencies and coastal communities who have incorporated sea level and climate considerations into planning and management strategies | 46 | 59 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 8 | 10 |
| ¹ Number of new power plant/transmission line projects under review | 6 | 7 | 8 | 28 | 48 | 65 | 85 |

Goal 4. Citizen Stewardship, Outdoor Recreation, & Opportunities to Take Action.

Obj. 4.1 Annually increase the number of youth conservation program participants and projects.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Additional number of youth participants in corps programs | 85 | 56 | 76 | 52 | 42 | 20 | 50 |
| Number of stewardship projects completed by youth corps | 101 | 198 | 202 | 210 | 86 | 100 | 125 |

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Obj. 4.2 Increase attendance of Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) sponsored workshops and trainings.

Obj. 4.3 Contribute to achieving State education mandates and goals for environmental literacy by providing a combination of workshops, training, and educational opportunities that support schools (through professional development for educators and classroom and outdoor experiences for students), parks, and partner environmental education providers.

Obj. 4.4 Annually provide and enhance outdoor recreational, historical, and cultural resource experiences for over 10 million visitors to public lands.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of trainings, training materials, and technical assistance offered to land managers, outdoor recreation providers, and the public on enhancing outdoor recreation | N/A | N/A | N/A | 24 | 87 | 85 | 90 |
| Number of communication, mapping and wayfinding planning efforts or projects to improve the visitor experience for outdoor recreation. | N/A | N/A | N/A | 15 | 40 | 40 | 45 |

Obj. 4.5 Annually increase customer service satisfaction rating and improve fiscal sustainability.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of people attending MET educational and outreach events | 270 | 438 | 524 | 361 | 150 | 300 | 300 |
| Number of educators trained | 650 | 438 | 276 | 262 | 485 | 352 | 350 |
| Number of students participating in classroom, field and other activities | 9,154 | 19,131 | 27,049 | 13,417 | 8,151 | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Number of DNR social media followers | 180,380 | 184,267 | 197,165 | 200,988 | 247,970 | 297,970 | 327,988 |
| Number of State Park acres available to the public | 141,568 | 142,228 | 142,433 | 142,815 | 143,806 | 144,366 | 144,926 |
| Acres of Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) | 129,101 | 129,160 | 127,587 | 127,831 | 128,624 | 129,024 | 129,424 |
| Number of visitors using parks (millions) | 21.66 | 19.35 | 17.76 | 17.40 | 16.89 | 17.00 | 17.20 |
| Number of trail miles available | 1,153 | 1,170 | 1,173 | 1,177 | 1,183 | 1,192 | 1,204 |
| Number of Park Service interpretive and environmental education program participants | 90,000 | 171,509 | 166,853 | 221,884 | 137,232 | 90,000 | 90,000 |
| Percent of visitors rating their park experience as excellent or above average | 93% | 93% | 92% | 92% | 92% | 92% | 92% |

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Obj. 4.6 Public Safety: Deliver efficient and effective law enforcement services and public outreach efforts to create safe, enjoyable, and inclusive environments for all citizens and visitors engaging in outdoor recreation activities.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of vessel crashes | 151 | 138 | 122 | 132 | 112 | 95 | 81 |
| Number of hunting accidents | 12 | 7 | 19 | 20 | 17 | 14 | 12 |
| Number of law enforcement calls for service | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 89,796 | 91,591 | 93,423 |
| Number of educational community outreach programs | N/A | 15,579 | 11,645 | 16,594 | 19,804 | 20,200 | 20,604 |

Obj. 4.7 Waterways: Reduce the number of vessel crashes and related injuries through enforcement, inspections, education, and public outreach efforts focused on the leading causes identified in the previous year's crash statistics.

Obj. 4.8 Hunting & Wildlife: Reduce the number of Hunting Accidents, Hunting related injuries, and Wildlife Violations through enforcement, compliance checks, education, and public outreach efforts focused on the leading causes identified in the previous year's statistics.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of law enforcement officers | 176 | 153 | 161 | 193 | 249 | 259 | 269 |
| Number of officer vessel safety inspections conducted | 23,253 | 33,809 | 31,662 | 29,318 | 29,904 | 30,502 | 31,112 |
| Number of reserve officer vessel safety inspections conducted | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 188 | 197 | 202 |
| Number of enforcement actions: Operating vessel while under the influence of or impaired by alcohol and/or drugs | 52 | 56 | 45 | 52 | 39 | 40 | 41 |
| Number of enforcement actions: Operating in reckless or dangerous manner | 487 | 557 | 375 | 378 | 301 | 256 | 252 |
| Number of vessel operating hours | 44,348 | 86,892 | 84,577 | 99,612 | 101,604 | 103,636 | 105,709 |
| Number of negligent and/or careless hunting enforcement actions | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Number of hunting calls for service (CFS) | N/A | N/A | N/A | 9,051 | 9,028 | 9,209 | 9,393 |
| Number of wildlife related inspections | N/A | N/A | N/A | 157 | 132 | 135 | 139 |
| Uniform Crime Report data – Part 1 crimes | 194 | 104 | 100 | 138 | 135 | 132 | 130 |
| Number of Homeland Security patrol checks | 10,444 | 17,801 | 14,968 | 11,471 | 11,700 | 11,934 | 12,172 |

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Obj. 4.9 Fisheries: Protect and achieve sustainability of the State's Commercial and Recreational Fisheries through enforcement actions and education.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| ¹ Cumulative number of public access points | 493 | 496 | 508 | 520 | 527 | 524 | 524 |
| Number of projects provided technical assistance | 122 | 98 | 125 | 150 | 175 | 175 | 175 |
| ¹ Number of public boating sites enhanced or created | 31 | 38 | 21 | 39 | 38 | 35 | 32 |
| Number abandoned vessels removed from State waters | 39 | 27 | 32 | 41 | 44 | 45 | 50 |
| Number of commercial fishery vessel inspections | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 1,768 | 1,804 | 1,840 |
| Number of commercial fishery market inspections | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 95 | 97 | 99 |
| Number of community outreach programs (fisheries) | N/A | 24 | 28 | 27 | 46 | 48 | 50 |
| Cumulative miles of water trails established in State | 788 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 810 | 815 | 820 |
| Number of waterway projects funded annually | 43 | 60 | 45 | 47 | 62 | 42 | 32 |
| Amount of funding awarded for waterway projects (\$) | 13,500,000 | 15,081,254 | 13,500,000 | 21,500,000 | 21,500,000 | 21,500,000 | 21,000,000 |
| Number of projects incorporating sustainable components | 28 | 30 | 18 | 22 | 32 | 24 | 16 |
| Number of dredge projects funded annually | 5 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 21 | 12 | 6 |
| Amount of funding awarded for dredge projects (\$) | 2,232,603 | 4,240,900 | 4,751,713 | 5,817,060 | 6,400,845 | 7,164,465 | 5,000,000 |
| ¹ Number of long-term slip leases realized | 278 | 284 | 282 | 257 | 288 | 350 | 360 |
| ¹ Number of transient slip leases realized | 554 | 793 | 686 | 679 | 652 | 730 | 750 |

Obj. 4.10 Public Lands: Provide efficient and effective law enforcement services and public outreach efforts to create a safe, enjoyable, and inclusive environment for all citizens and visitors utilizing our public land resources and facilities.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of public land calls for service (CFS) | 20,802 | 20,478 | 20,396 | 24,460 | 28,248 | 28,813 | 29,389 |
| Number of closing against entry enforcement actions | 1,092 | 992 | 991 | 1,058 | 1,208 | 1,232 | 1,257 |
| Number of traffic enforcement actions | 3,505 | 2,671 | 2,312 | 2,633 | 2,569 | 2,620 | 2,672 |
| Number of parking enforcement actions | 1,718 | 1,501 | 618 | 1,009 | 340 | 347 | 354 |
| Number of intoxicants enforcement actions | 641 | 773 | 827 | 1,096 | 1,214 | 1,190 | 1,167 |
| Number of disorderly conduct enforcement actions | 112 | 81 | 77 | 85 | 59 | 62 | 64 |
| Number of community outreach programs (public lands) | N/A | N/A | 67 | 66 | 79 | 83 | 87 |

Obj. 4.11 Investigation Services: Employ Task Forces, Covert Operations & Investigative Units to collect intelligence and conduct enforcement actions that identify, prevent, and combat criminal acts as well as conservation and natural resource violations.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of specialized unit investigations | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | 185 | 189 | 193 |

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Goal 5. Vibrant Communities & Neighborhoods.

Obj. 5.1 Annually meet Departmental land conservation goals to protect strategic natural resources while providing recreational and economic opportunities.

Obj. 5.2 Protect an additional 1,000 acres annually with MET conservation easements, and seek to visually inspect (monitor) each property once annually.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Program Open Space (POS) acquisition acres approved by the Board of Public Works (BPW) | 3,763 | 2,980 | 2,090 | 1,884 | 4,488 | 4,800 | 4,500 |
| Rural Legacy easement/fee simple acres approved by the BPW | 4,793 | 3,825 | 5,437 | 3,764 | 5,573 | 4,500 | 3,000 |
| Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) permanent easement acres approved by the BPW | 343 | 528 | 243 | 242 | 263 | 700 | 400 |
| Number of acres protected annually by MET easements | 1,260 | 1,421 | 1,255 | 1,084 | 334 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Number of acres of protected lands | 10,159 | 8,754 | 9,025 | 6,974 | 10,658 | 11,000 | 8,900 |
| Percent of POS Stateside acquisition acres approved by the BPW located within a Targeted Ecological Area | 61% | 88% | 94% | 53% | 67% | 70% | 70% |
| Percent of all easements monitored and under compliance with easement conditions | 100% | 98% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Number of MET easements monitored by volunteers | 81 | 171 | 69 | 3 | 7 | 70 | 70 |
| Number of MET easements monitored by local land trusts | 386 | 409 | 437 | 617 | 294 | 500 | 500 |

Obj. 5.3 Annually fund more than 100 projects to assist local subdivisions in the planning, acquisition, and/or development of recreation land or open space area.

Obj. 5.4 Annually, 80 percent of acquisition contracts negotiated by Land Acquisition and Planning (LAP) are below the highest appraised value for acquisitions.

Obj. 5.5 Work with communities and jurisdictions to conserve existing tree canopy and expand it by 45 acres annually.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of local POS projects | 175 | 131 | 136 | 117 | 126 | 100 | 100 |
| Number of community parks and playgrounds projects | 20 | 31 | 40 | 20 | 29 | 26 | 26 |
| Number of negotiations conducted annually by LAP | 33 | 24 | 23 | 15 | 45 | 39 | 40 |
| Percent of approved contracts negotiated by LAP with contract price below the highest appraised value | 100% | 79% | 86% | 78% | 90% | 80% | 80% |
| Acres of trees planted in developed areas | 26 | 42 | 78 | 126 | 116 | 120 | 120 |
| Acres of trees planted in rural areas (non-buffer) | 169 | 368 | 718 | 583 | 742 | 750 | 800 |
| Acres reforested for Forest Conservation Act (FCA) mitigation | 445 | 467 | 518 | 582 | 515 | 505 | 517 |
| Acres conserved through FCA long-term protection | 3,645 | 3,644 | 3,611 | 3,723 | 3,949 | 3,714 | 3,728 |
| Number of roadside tree permits issued | 1,298 | 1,424 | 1,250 | 1,353 | 1,209 | 1,307 | 1,309 |
| Acres of practices on Municipal Watersheds | 235 | 163 | 65 | 160 | 26 | 130 | 150 |
| Acres of restored forest land (afforestation and reforestation) | 627 | 737 | 923 | 1,026 | 1,273 | 1,300 | 1,300 |

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Obj. 5.6 Preserve and restore the protective functions of near shore tidal habitats such as marshes, beaches, dunes, and wetlands.

| Performance Measures | 2021 Act. | 2022 Act. | 2023 Act. | 2024 Act. | 2025 Act. | 2026 Est. | 2027 Est. |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Square feet of near shore habitat created or protected | - | 25000 | 5,110 | - | 4,375 | 7,115 | 9,238 |

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¹ Data for 2025 is estimated or not available because it is reported on a calendar year basis.