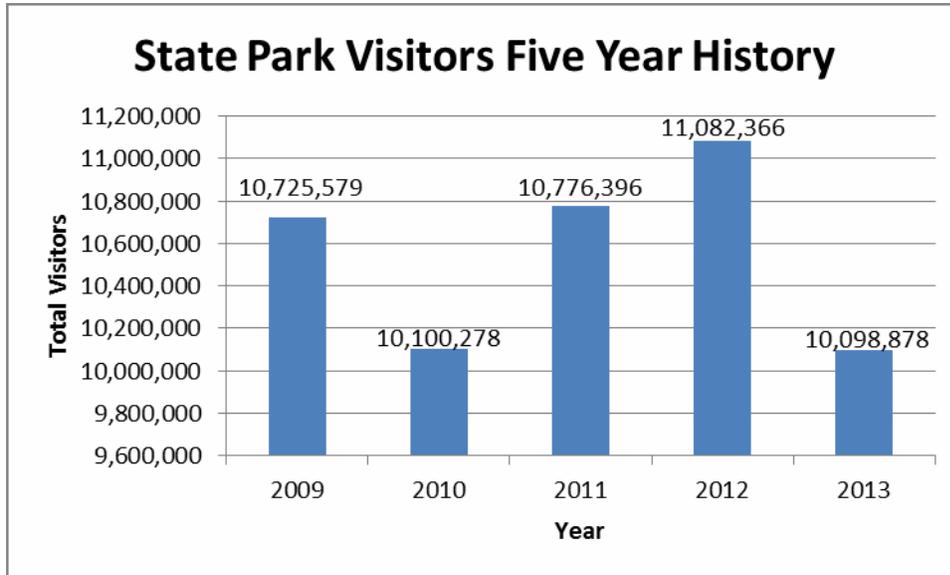


According to the 2013 *Maryland State Parks Strategic Plan*, state parks visitor history shows a consistent total visitation of over 10,000,000 annually, with day use visitors making up the largest visitor segment. Between 2006 and 2012, there was a 72 percent increase in visitation at State parks with natural water bodies for swimming, fishing and wading, which aligns with the need for increase access to water identified in this plan’s public surveys, stakeholder and public group discussions, and previous state and federal planning documents. **Figure 3** illustrates state park visitor history, which indicates a steady trend toward increases in visitation (2013 figures incomplete).

**Figure 3: State Park Visitors Five Year History**



Source: *Maryland State Parks 2013 Strategic Plan*. Note: 2013 figures represent a partial year.

### Resource Allocation for Recreation and Parks

Future costs for land acquisition, facility development, and facility rehabilitation included for reference in **Table 2** were reported by county governments in their 2012-2017 local Land Preservation, Parks and Recreation Plans.