



Protecting Land Forever

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Maryland Environmental Trust (MET) is a statewide land trust governed by a citizen board of trustees and affiliated with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Established in 1967 by the Maryland General Assembly as a charitable organization, MET is the oldest and most successful land trust in Maryland.

Staff and BOT Updates

- Hired new Director, William H. Leahy II
- Hired Volunteer Coordinator, Dave Minges
- Welcomed Senator Adelaide C. Eckardt as Ex Officio Member



Land Conservation

- Negotiated 11 conservation easement donations that permanently protect 1,225 acres of land. One easement contains a provision for public access.
- Negotiated two amendments to existing MET easements that enhance the protection of more than 350 acres of land. One easement was amended to add a provision for public access.

Awards

- Distributed \$9,600 in *Keep Maryland Beautiful* Grants.
- Awarded \$27,000 in Janice Hollmann Grants to six local land trusts.
- Presented annual Dillon Award and Aileen Hughes Award.
- Created the Stewardship Award to recognize a conservation-minded landowner for outstanding land stewardship in Maryland.

Volunteers

- Staff reviewed and archived 99 monitoring reports for visits made by volunteers, and prepared and sent out 188 easement monitoring assignments to volunteers on 20,110 acres.
- Thirty-three volunteer land stewards monitored and reported on 65 easements, and together with five office volunteers contributed more than 500 hours of service valued at \$11,500.





Stewardship

- MET staff and volunteers monitored 330 easement properties on 41,537 acres of conserved land.
- MET staff conducted 62 visits jointly with eight land trusts and government partners.
- Reviewed 41 monitoring reports from land trust partners on 6,401 acres.
- Met with the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) staff quarterly to discuss stewardship issues requiring continued OAG assistance for resolution, resulting in resolution of seven matters.

Land Trust Assistance

- Held annual MD Land Conservation Conference at the Maritime Institute. More than 160 participants, representing 90 organizations attended from across the Chesapeake Bay region.
- Held three Land Trust Roundtables engaging more than 60 participants from 34 organizations.
- The Land Trust Advisory Committee adopted a proposal statement and began exploring innovative opportunities to enhance the capacity of Maryland's local land trusts.
- Executed five Cooperative Agreements: Crownsville Conservancy; Delaware Wild Lands, Inc.; Greater Sandy Springs Green Space, Inc.; Harford Land Trust, Inc. and Urban Ecosystem Restorations, Inc.

Social Media

- Reached 325 likes on Facebook
- Blasted over 50 emails to landowners and friends of MET
- 8,285 viewed MET's website, most popular pages were:
Homepage 2,861
Property Listings 2,181
About Us 2,016
Returning Visitors: 4,933
New Visitors: 3,352

Fundraising

- Participated in second *Giving Tuesday* campaign on Dec. 1st.
- Distributed Annual Appeal letter to over 2,000.
- Received nearly \$53,655 in donations.

