

Greenspace Equity Program

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HB 503 would establish a new "Greenspace Equity Program" provide annual state funding to support projects, led by land trusts, local governments and community partners, increasing and enhancing 'community greenspace' in Maryland's underserved and overburdened communities.



Makes conservation more equitable: The bill would create a new program called the "**Greenspace Equity Program**", which would provide a new source of grant funding to complete greenspace projects in underserved communities. Greenspace Equity grants would support community-led projects, including land acquisition, park development and greenspace stewardship in order to best meet community needs.



Meets community needs for greenspace: "Community greenspace" includes a variety of uses including: community gardens, community gathering open space areas, community woodlands, green networks, parks, trails, and urban farms.



Supports on the ground partners: eligible grant recipients include land trusts (including community land trusts) or other nongovernmental organizations working in underserved or overburdened communities where the project would be implemented. Counties and municipalities are also eligible recipients.



Photo: Marble Hill Community Association members at Rozena Ridgley Garden. Credit: Barbara Haddock Taylor, Baltimore Sun



Photo: Remington Village Green, preserved by Baltimore Greenspace. Credit: Reed Perry

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Organizations across the state support
the Greenspace Equity Program

