



**MARYLAND
LEAGUE OF
CONSERVATION
VOTERS**



MARYLAND THE BEAUTIFUL

Sponsors: Senator Sarah Elfreth &
Delegate Dana Stein

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mandate a conservation
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lands by 2030.**



**Maryland has conserved only
23% of its total land mass**

Land conservation is a simple defense to challenges like climate change, sea-level rise, and unprecedented species loss. It offers carbon sequestration, reduced flooding, and the preservation of essential habitat.

The Maryland the Beautiful Act aligns with both President Biden's goal and a UN-led international Kuming-Montreal Agreement to conserve 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030. Also known as the 30x30 Act, this bill would mandate a conservation goal of 30% of Maryland lands by 2030.

To ensure successful implementation, this bill pairs land conservation with stewardship, and resource equity.

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Setting a New State Conservation Goal: 30% of Maryland lands protected by 2030 and 40% of Maryland's land by 2040

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Creating a \$10M Rapid Response Revolving Loan Fund to help small and medium sized land trusts preserve critical lands, quickly

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Allocating more than \$250K in grant funding towards land trusts and community nonprofits, for improving the stewardship and health of lands