



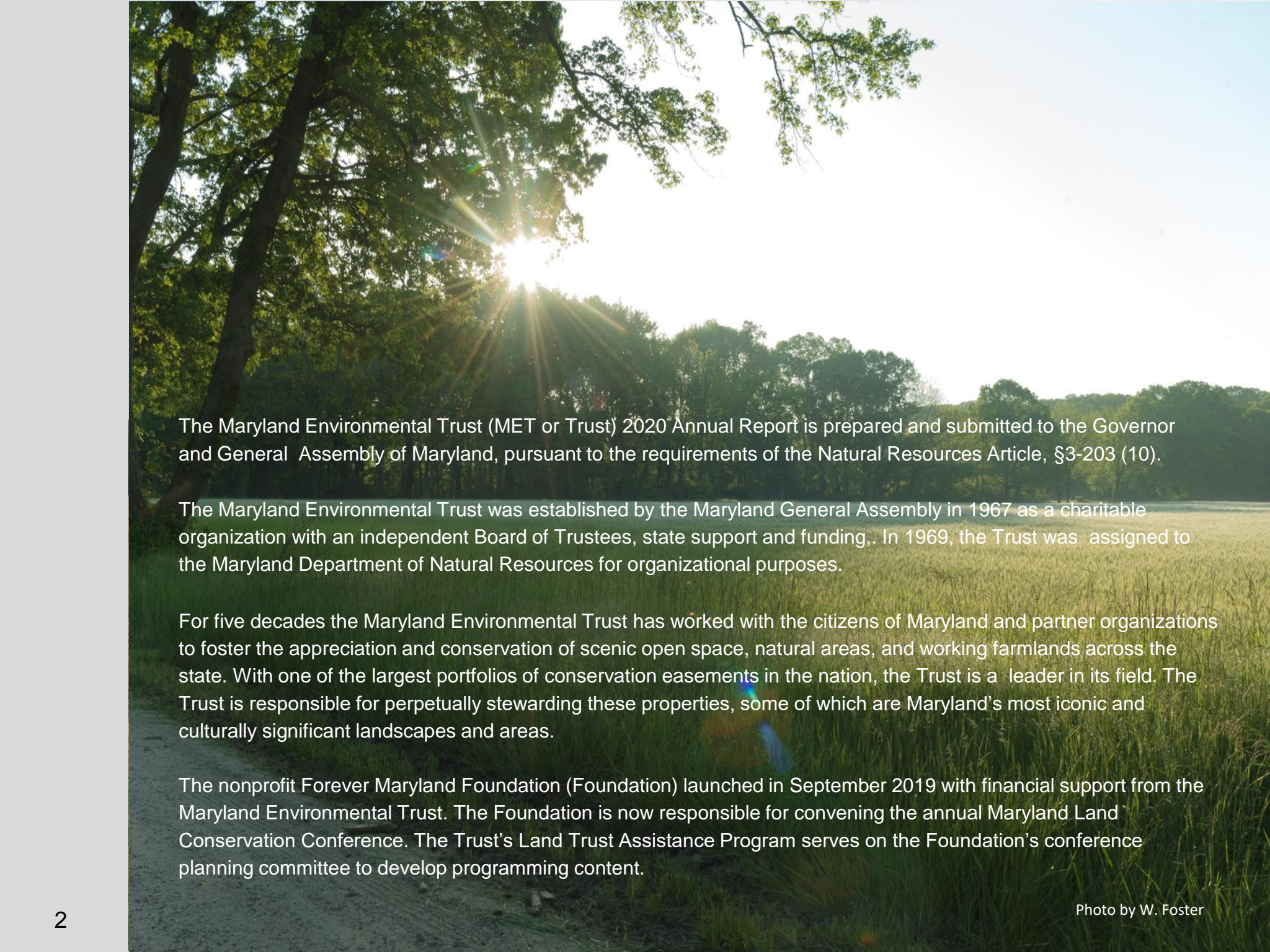
FY2020

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020



Protecting Land Forever



The Maryland Environmental Trust (MET or Trust) 2020 Annual Report is prepared and submitted to the Governor and General Assembly of Maryland, pursuant to the requirements of the Natural Resources Article, §3-203 (10).

The Maryland Environmental Trust was established by the Maryland General Assembly in 1967 as a charitable organization with an independent Board of Trustees, state support and funding,. In 1969, the Trust was assigned to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources for organizational purposes.

For five decades the Maryland Environmental Trust has worked with the citizens of Maryland and partner organizations to foster the appreciation and conservation of scenic open space, natural areas, and working farmlands across the state. With one of the largest portfolios of conservation easements in the nation, the Trust is a leader in its field. The Trust is responsible for perpetually stewarding these properties, some of which are Maryland's most iconic and culturally significant landscapes and areas.

The nonprofit Forever Maryland Foundation (Foundation) launched in September 2019 with financial support from the Maryland Environmental Trust. The Foundation is now responsible for convening the annual Maryland Land Conservation Conference. The Trust's Land Trust Assistance Program serves on the Foundation's conference planning committee to develop programming content.

CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM

Conservation easements - their negotiation, acquisition, recordation, and stewardship - is a central part of the Maryland Environmental Trust's work. Easements that are donated by private landowners are the primary mechanism by which the Trust works to accomplish its mission of preserving open space throughout the State of Maryland.



1,213 acres conserved in FY20



16 conservation easements granted



76 acres - average size of a MET easement in FY20



9 counties where easements were granted



1 amendment increases conservation benefits to an existing MET easement

FY20 MET Easements by County:

Anne Arundel

Calvert

Charles

Frederick

Harford

Kent

Montgomery

Worcester

Washington



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Easement stewardship consists of activities essential to the long-term care of the land and sustaining landowner relationships for all easements in perpetuity. MET staff and volunteers provide vital landowner support in many areas. These include: regular site visits to lands under easements; identifying funding and technical assistance for landowners who wish to engage in voluntary enhancement programs; interpreting owners' reserved rights to ensure easement provisions are upheld; maintaining documentation and records that will support ongoing management and support; and upholding the public trust when necessary to correct easement violations, preferably through voluntary action by the landowner with counsel and guidance from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General.



137,480 acres conserved



1,115 conservation easements and 3 fee simple ownerships



611 easements co-held with local land trusts



549 monitoring reports completed by MET staff, MET volunteers, and local land trusts



65,583 acres monitored



Photo by MET Volunteer

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

The Volunteer Program extends the outreach and presence of the Trust within the Stewardship Program with the support of donated funds. Volunteer Land Stewards represent the Trust, schedule visits, meet landowners, share stewardship ideas, and document changes to help preserve the conservation values that make these lands special.



34 long-term certified MET volunteers



17 Maryland Conservation Corp volunteers



352 hours donated by volunteers (in office and in the field)



10,694 acres monitored by volunteers



126 volunteer field monitoring reports reviewed and filed



\$10,388 value of time donated

LAND TRUST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Maryland Environmental Trust serves as the statewide land trust. Local nonprofit land trusts, of which there are 41 in Maryland, work with and are assisted by the Trust. Over half of the Trust's conservation easements are co-held with local land trusts. Additionally, local land trusts help the Trust in the long-term stewardship of co-held easements. The Land Trust Assistance Program helps build and sustain the quality and effectiveness of the state's land trusts to achieve our mutual goals.



278 co-held easement monitoring reports completed by local land trusts



41 local land trusts supported by MET



13 easements granted to MET in FY20 that are co-held with local land trusts



43,054 co-held easement acres monitored by local land trusts



1 roundtable was held for technical support and training in best practices for land trusts and conservation partners



Photo by W. Foster

KEEP MARYLAND BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

In FY20 \$307,500 Grant Money Distributed

The functions and activities of the Governor's Committee to Keep Maryland Beautiful were transferred to the Maryland Environmental Trust in 1967; it was the first program administered by the Trust. The Trust has awarded Keep Maryland Beautiful grants annually for decades. This program is funded by the Maryland Environmental Trust, the Maryland Department of Transportation, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Forever Maryland Foundation. Grants through the Keep Maryland Beautiful program help volunteer-based, nonprofit groups, communities and land trusts in Maryland to support environmental education projects, litter removal, citizen stewardship and to protect natural resources in urban and rural areas throughout the state.



Photo: Montgomery Parks Foundation

- ❖ 80 nonprofits, schools, organizations, land trusts and municipalities received grants
- ❖ 20 counties and Baltimore City were home to organizations that received grants
- ❖ 61 Clean Up & Green Up Maryland awards totaled \$250,000
- ❖ 8 Janice Hollmann land trust grants totaled \$40,000
- ❖ 10 Citizen Stewardship grants totaled \$12,500
- ❖ 1 Aileen Hughes grant totaled \$5,000

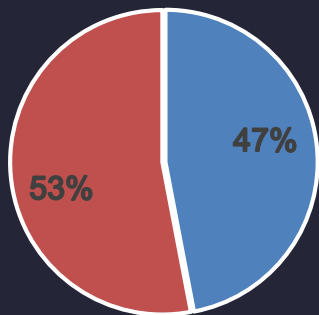
MET Financial Statement July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

State Administered Funds

Number of Authorized Positions	8
Number of Contractual Positions	2
Salaries, Wages and Fringe Benefits	\$641,134
Total Operating Expenses	\$316,783
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> including contractual services, grants, communications, travel, equipment, supplies and materials 	
Total Expenditure	\$957,917

FUND SOURCES

Net General Funds	\$451,105
**Reimbursable Funds	\$506,812
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coastal Zone Management \$75,605 Keep Maryland Beautiful \$298,245 Program Open Space \$117,097 Long-term Contractual \$15,865 	
TOTAL	\$957,917

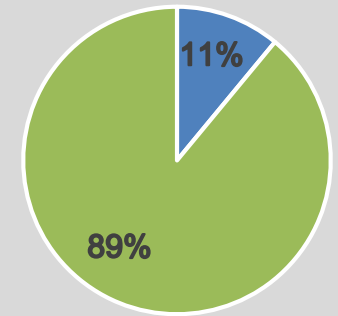


■ Net General Funds
■ Reimbursable Funds

MET Administered Funds

SUPPORT AND REVENUES

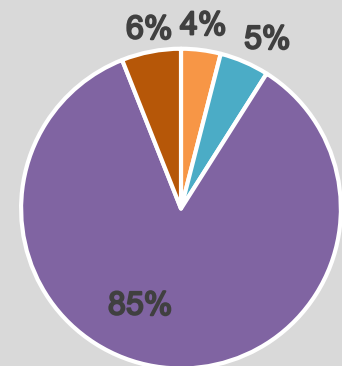
Contributions & Grants	\$704,174
MLTA Conference	\$350
Investment Income, net	\$86,933
Other Revenues	\$270
TOTAL REVENUES	\$791,727



■ Contributions & Grants
■ Investment Income, net

EXPENSES

LLT Education Program	\$1,388
Outreach Program	\$19,626
Stewardship Program	\$25,834
Awards & Grants	\$437,000
Administrative	\$29,892
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$513,739



■ Outreach Program
■ Stewardship Program
■ Awards & Grants
■ Administrative

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS **\$277,988**



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CONTRIBUTORS (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020)

Conservation Champion \$10,000+

The estate of Alverta and Louisa Dillon
The estate of Sarah Griggs

Environmental Benefactor \$5,000-\$9,999

The Perry J. Bolton Trust

Open Space Guardian \$1,000-\$4,999

Mr. J. Dorsey and Mrs. Christine Brown
Gary and Darlene Carver
Theodore and Joan Hoffman *in memory John Hutson*
Nicholas Meittinis
The George A. Murnaghan Fund
Mr. and Mrs. James Riepe
Ms. Jennifer Stanley

Habitat Hero \$500-\$999

Mr. Timothy Hussman
Ms. Harriet Iglehart

Land Supporter \$100 - \$499

Frank and Christina Allen
Chet Anderson
John Beckly
Ms. Doris Blazek-White
Mr. David Bramble
Ms. Mary Burke
Mr. Gary Burnett
Elaine Christ
Mr. Joseph Davies
Terry Dunkin
Mr. John Eshleman
Nikki and Sam Forry
Mrs. Ruann George
Mr. Alex Fisher and Betsy Gorman *in honor of James W. Constable*
Ms. Amanda Gibson *in memory of John Hutson*
Richard Gold *in memory of Mrs. Jean Scheller Hollyday*
James Highsaw
Ms. Barbara Knapp
Mr. Brendon Landis

Land Supporter \$100 - \$499 (continued)

Phillip Olson
Dr. Dale Schumacher and Barbara Parker
Dr. Sarah Taylor-Rogers
Mr. William Trimble Jr.
Ms. Gita Van Heerden
Ms. Helen Wilkes
Mr. Douglas and Mrs. Margaret Worrall

Friend \$10 - \$99

Anonymous *in honor of Bob and Sherry*
Jon Chapman *in memory of Pam Bush*
Mr. Nathaniel Chu
Brian DiFalco
Sara Louise Hessler *in honor of Jennifer Forrence and Louis Whitcomb*
Jack Shaw
Karen Stahler *in memory of Dan H. Shifflett, Jr.*
Cathy Tipper

Conservation Easement Grantors

American Battlefield Trust
Blue Mountain Farm, LLC
Jennifer A. Debnam, William H. Langenfelder and Kristen L. Nickerson
Fry Cooper Farm LLC
High Pointe Investments, LLC
W. Hutzell and Anna M. Hutzell
Izaak Walton League of America, Harford County
Lynn F. Koiner
Land Preserve, LLC
Nichols Family Limited Partnership
Salt Grass Farm, LLC
Still Pond Preserve Limited Liability Company
Shell Point Farm & Forest, LLC
The Nature Conservancy

Open Space Legacy Society

Dr. and Mrs. Gary P. Carver
Ms. Constance J. Lieder
The Honorable S. Jay Plager
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Schmaljohn



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