

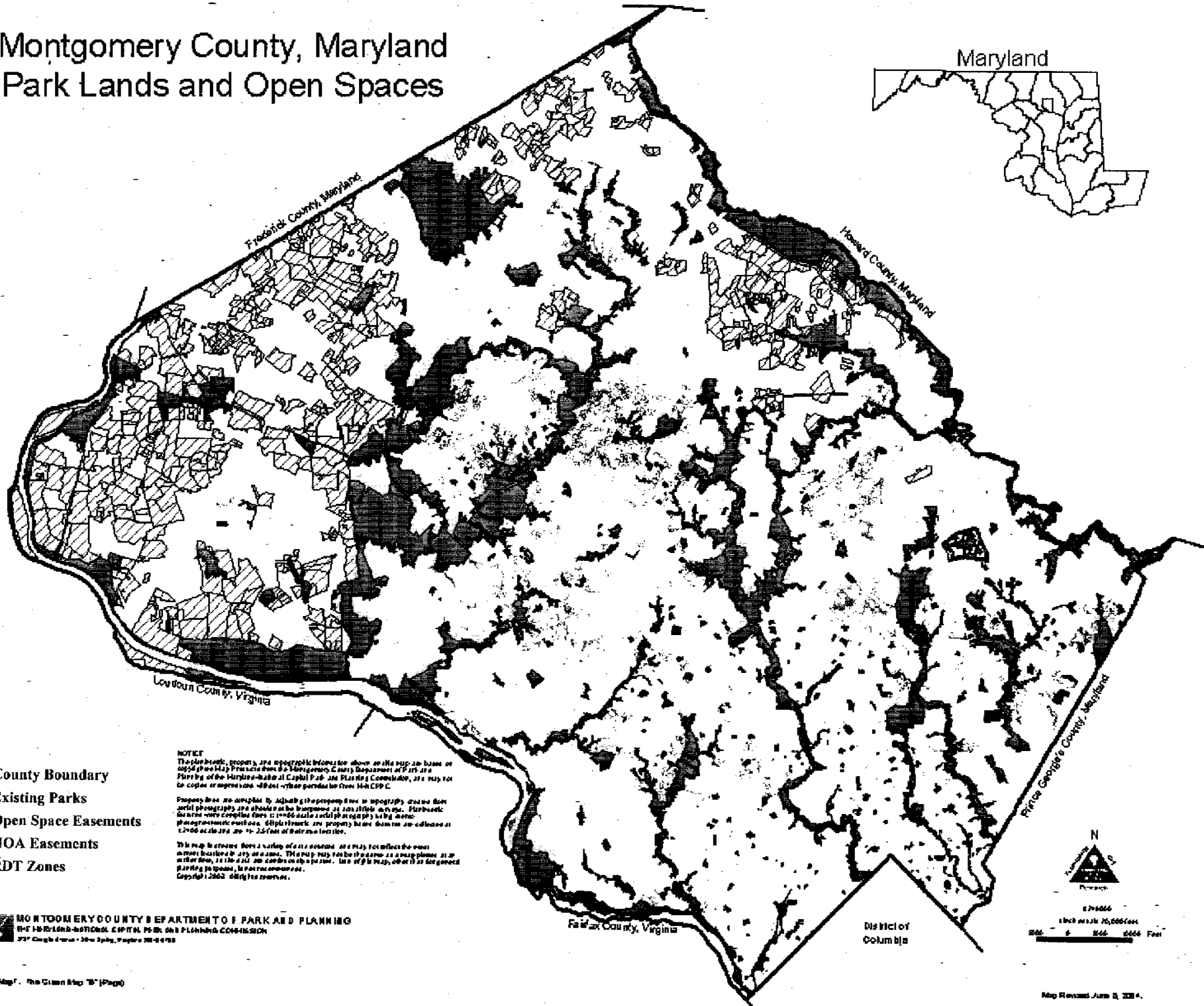
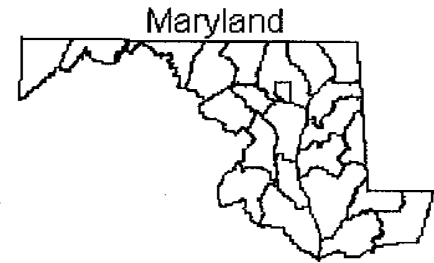
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ITEM # 3






Montgomery County

Forever Green

County Programs Leading to a Green Future for
Existing & Future Residents

Montgomery County, Maryland Park Lands and Open Spaces



-  County Boundary
-  Existing Parks
-  Open Space Easements
-  HOA Easements
-  RDT Zones


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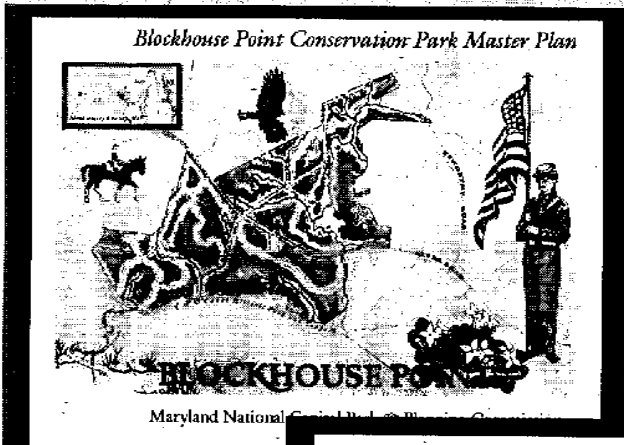
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 1 inch = 20,000 feet
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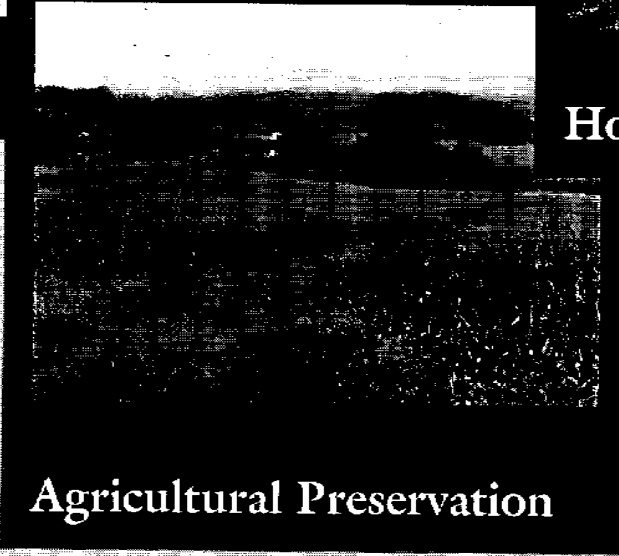


Green Space Comes in Several Varieties

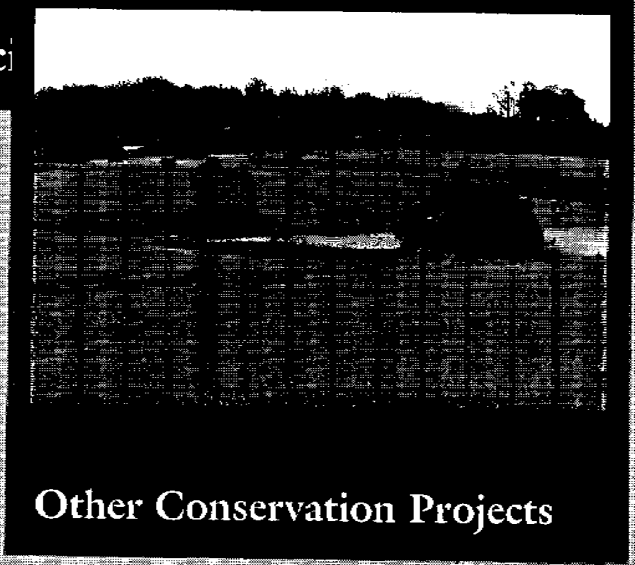


Parkland

Homeowners Association



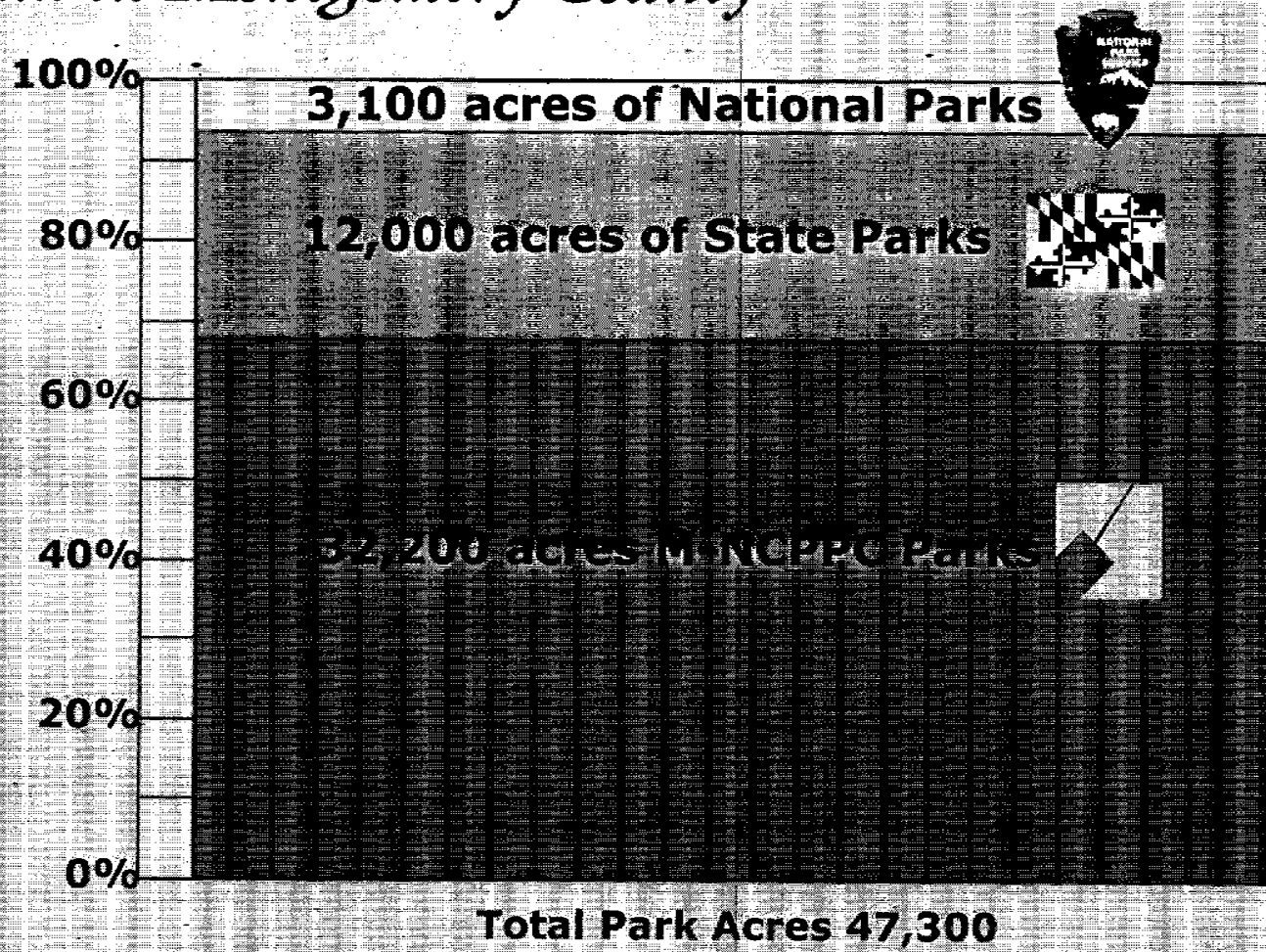
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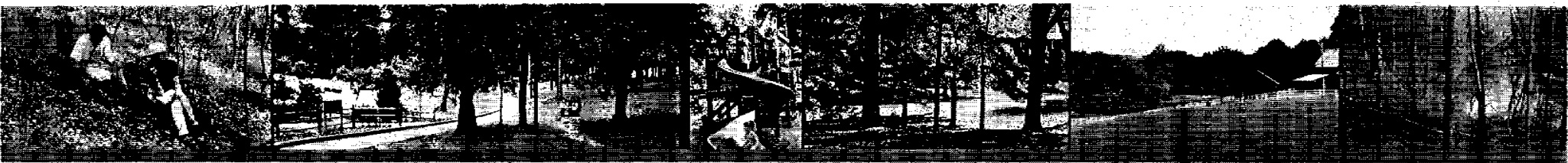


Other Conservation Projects



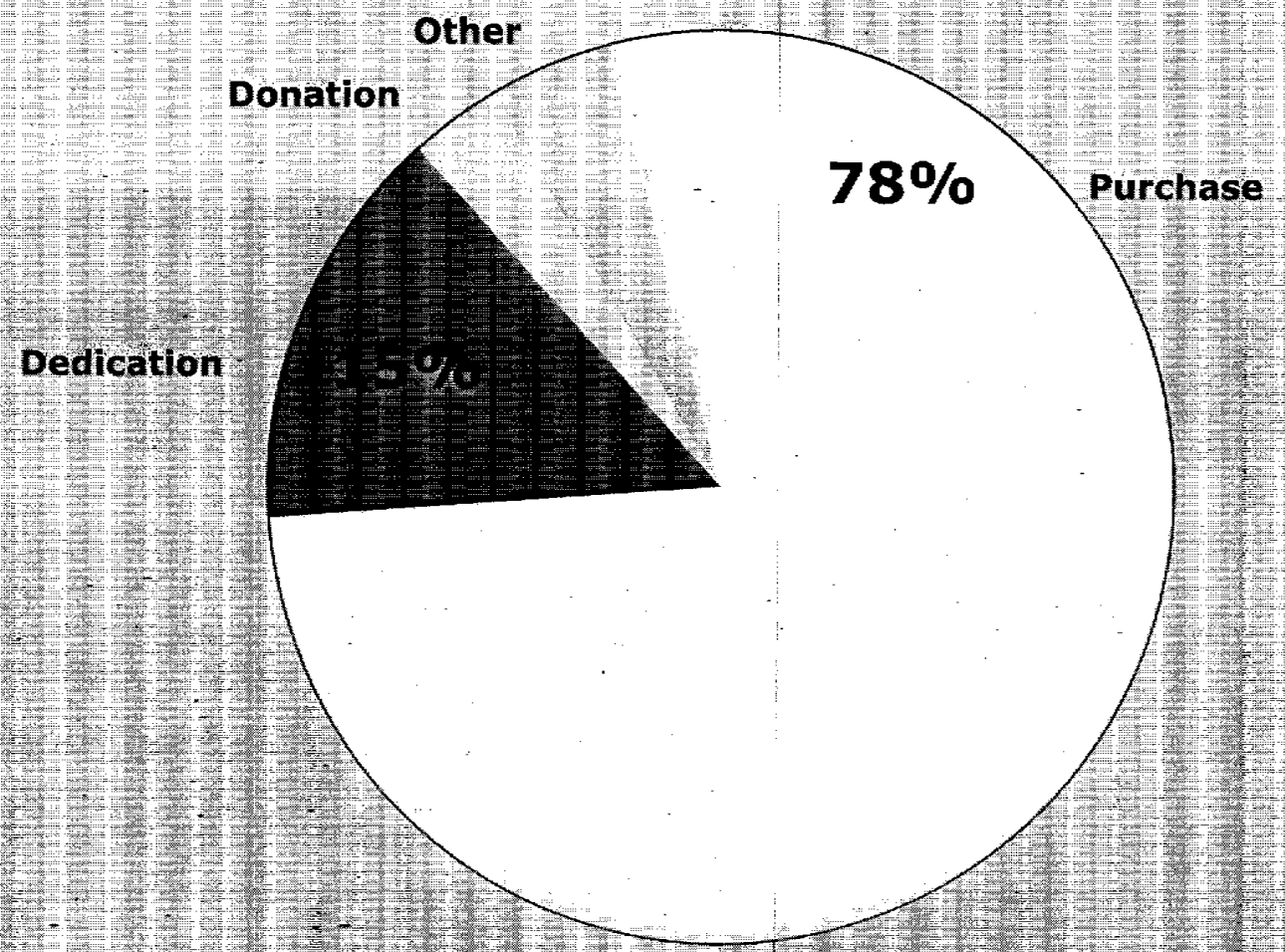
Parkland in Montgomery County

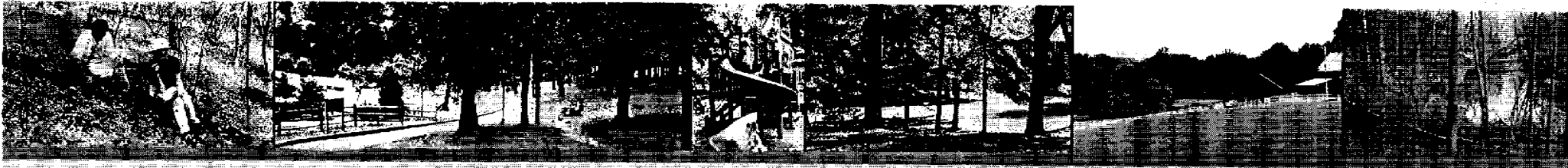




M-NCPPC Parkland Obtained in Several Ways

Of the 32,200 acres of M-NCPPC land, 78% was purchased.





Park Acquisitions Over Time

Montgomery County's Legacy Open Space Program Can Be Credited With Recent Parkland Increases

Acres

1200

1000

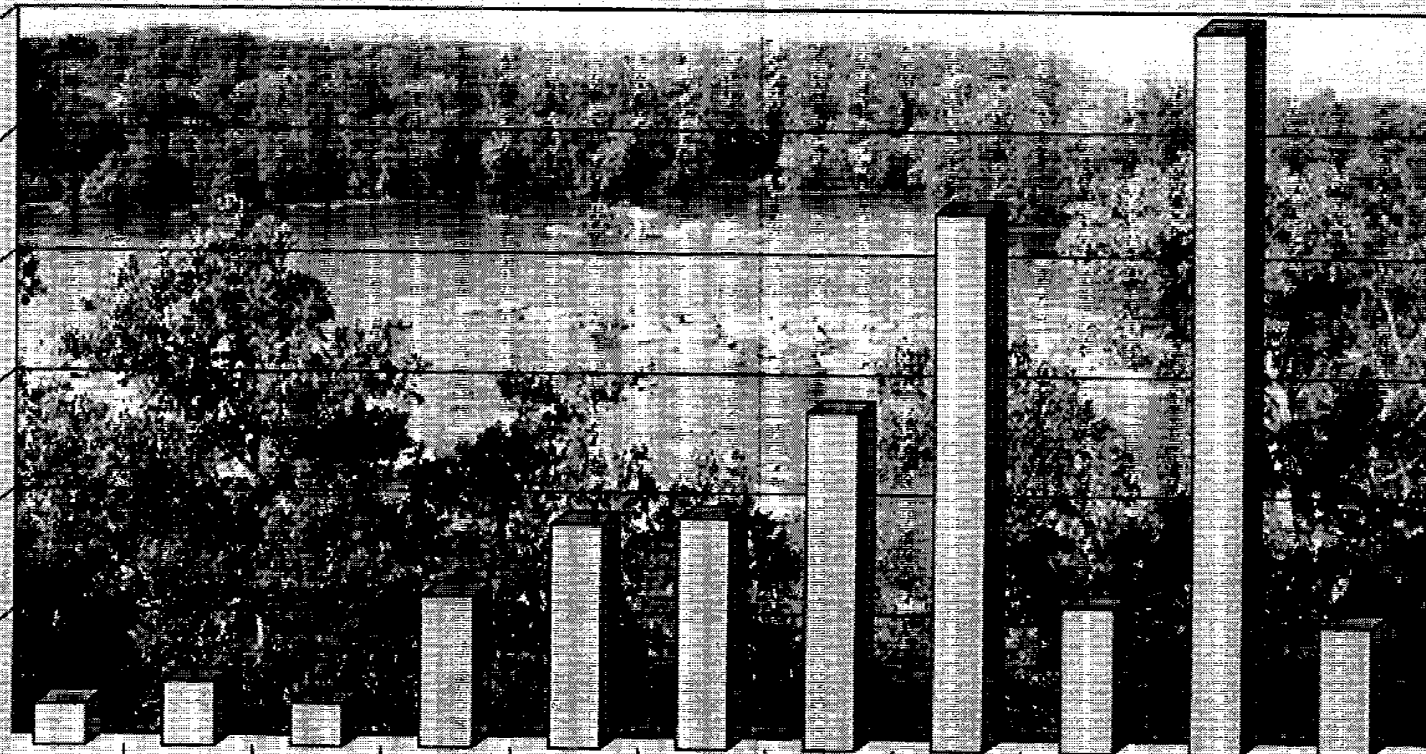
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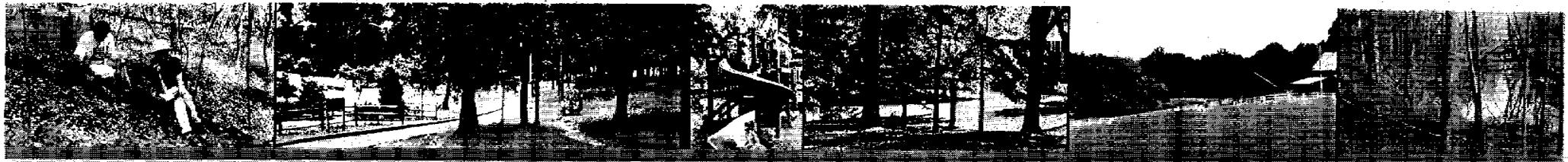
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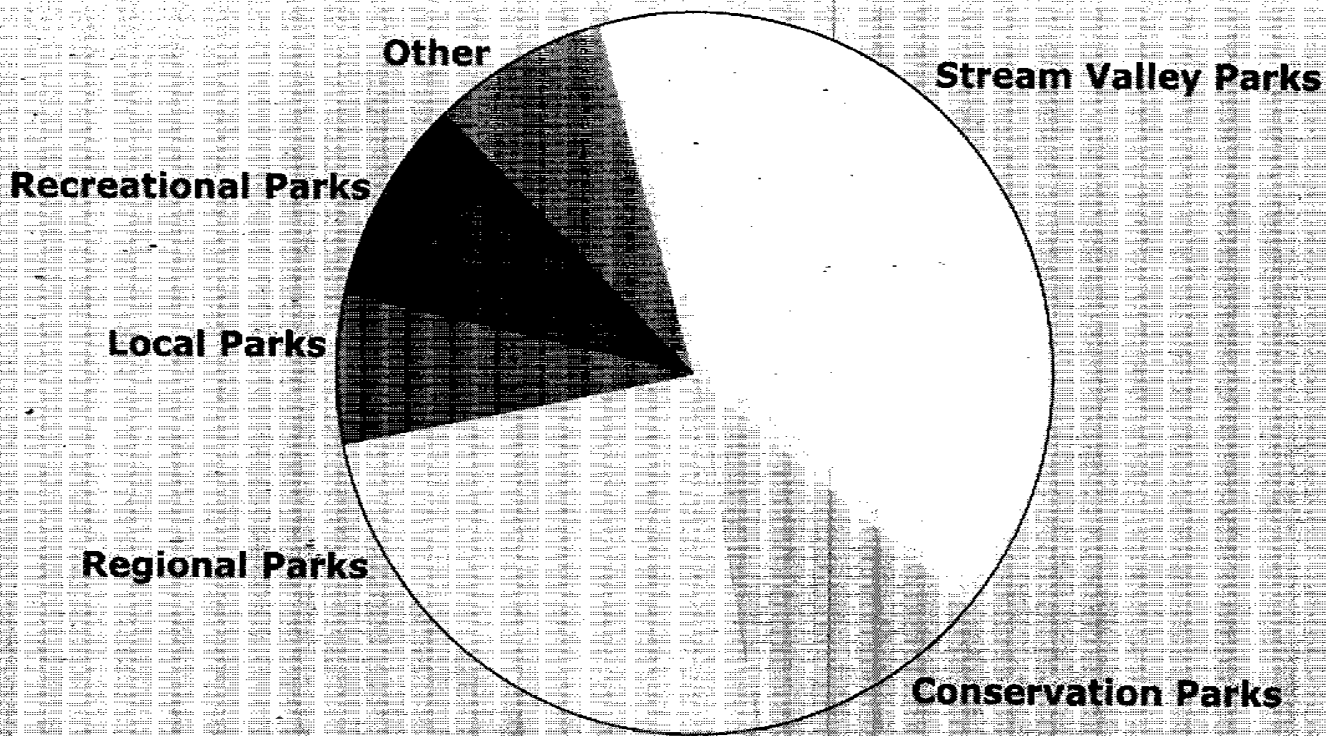
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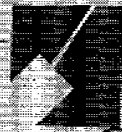


Parks are Mostly Green Space

- **Stream Valley and Conservation Parks Comprise 51% of all Parkland**
- **Regional Parks are 67% Natural Area**

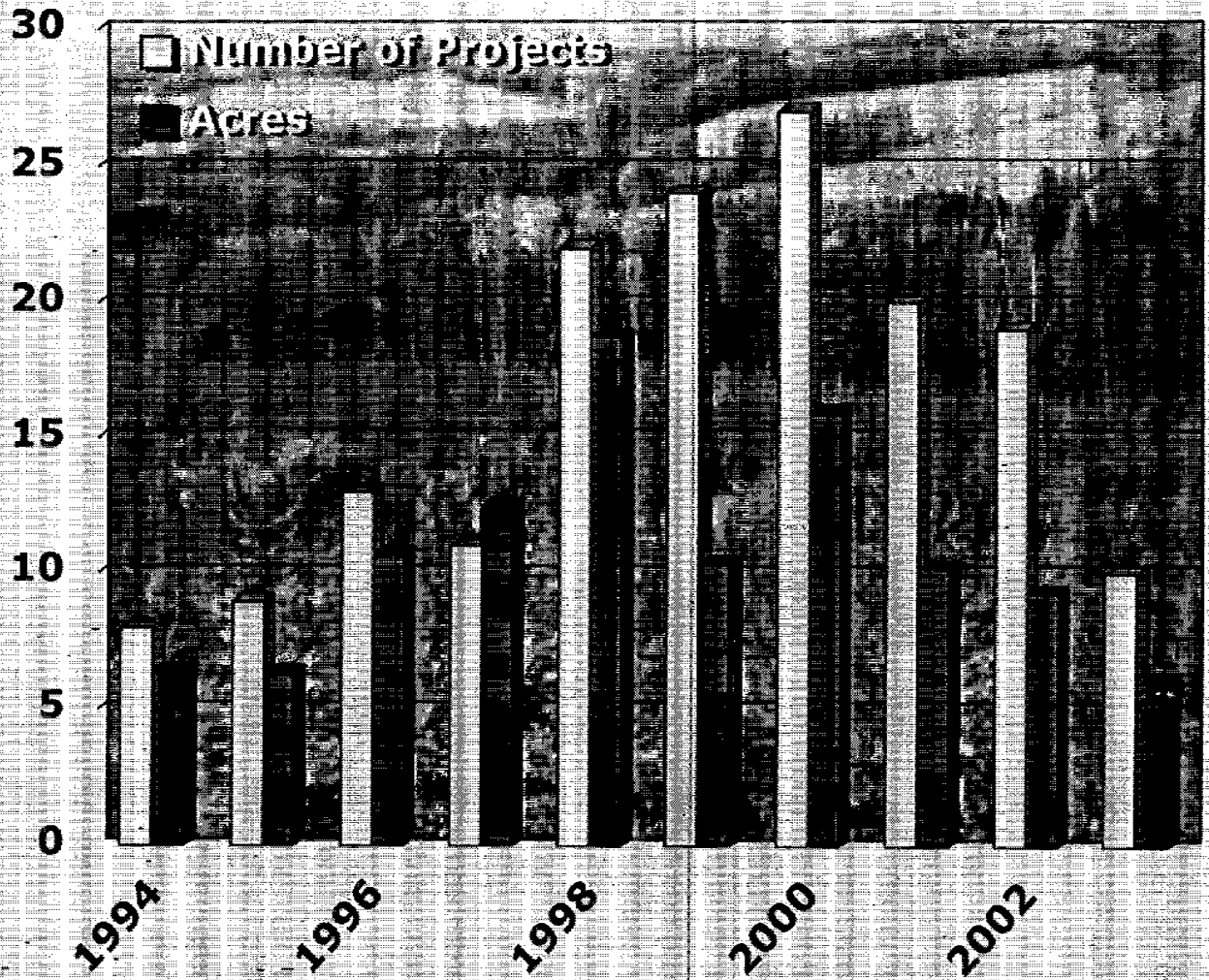


M-NCPPC Park Distribution by Classification





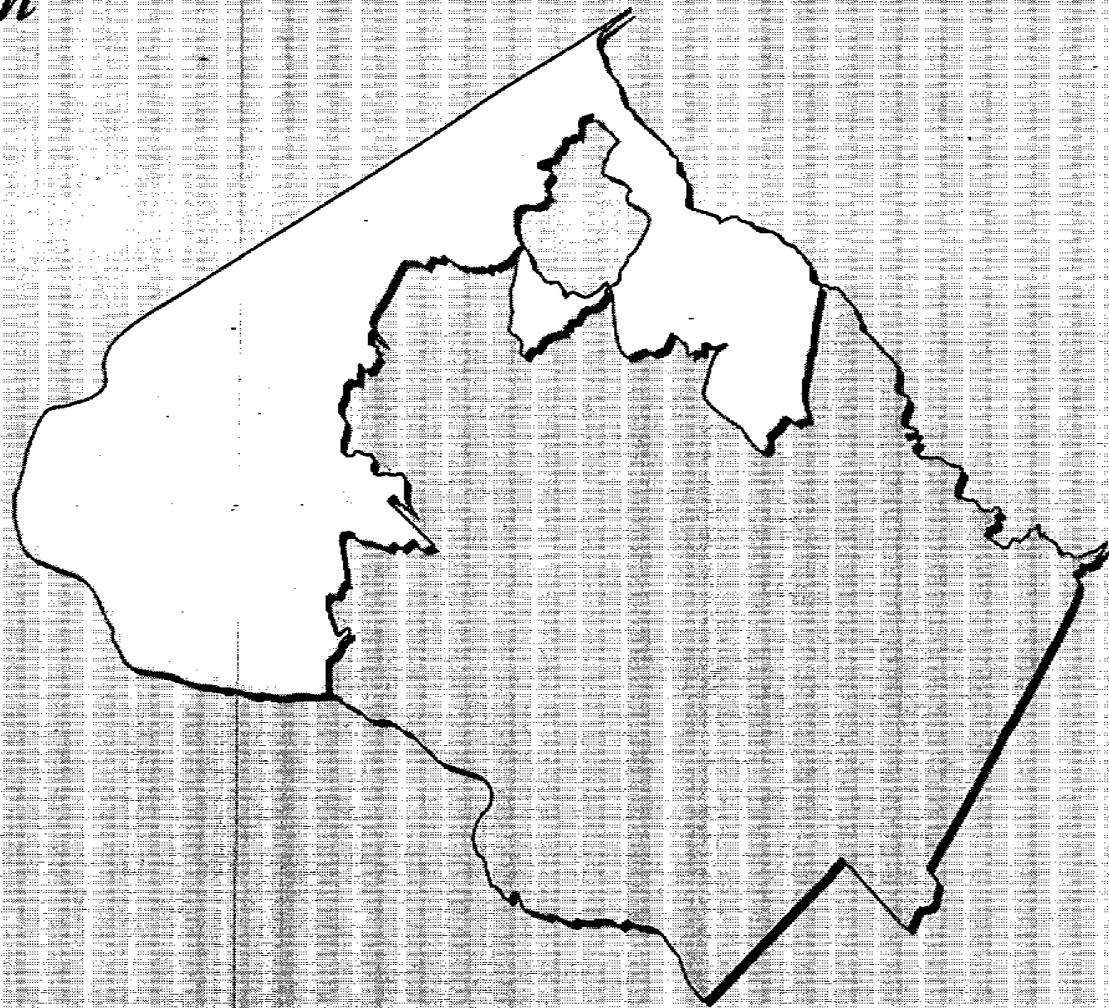
Since 1994, over 105 Acres of Parkland have been Reforested

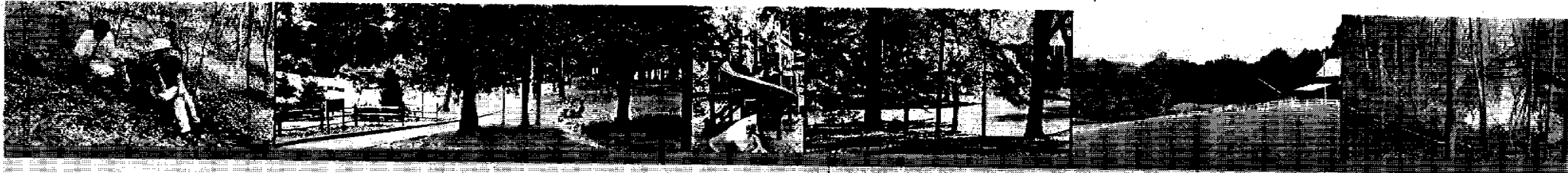




Agricultural Preservation

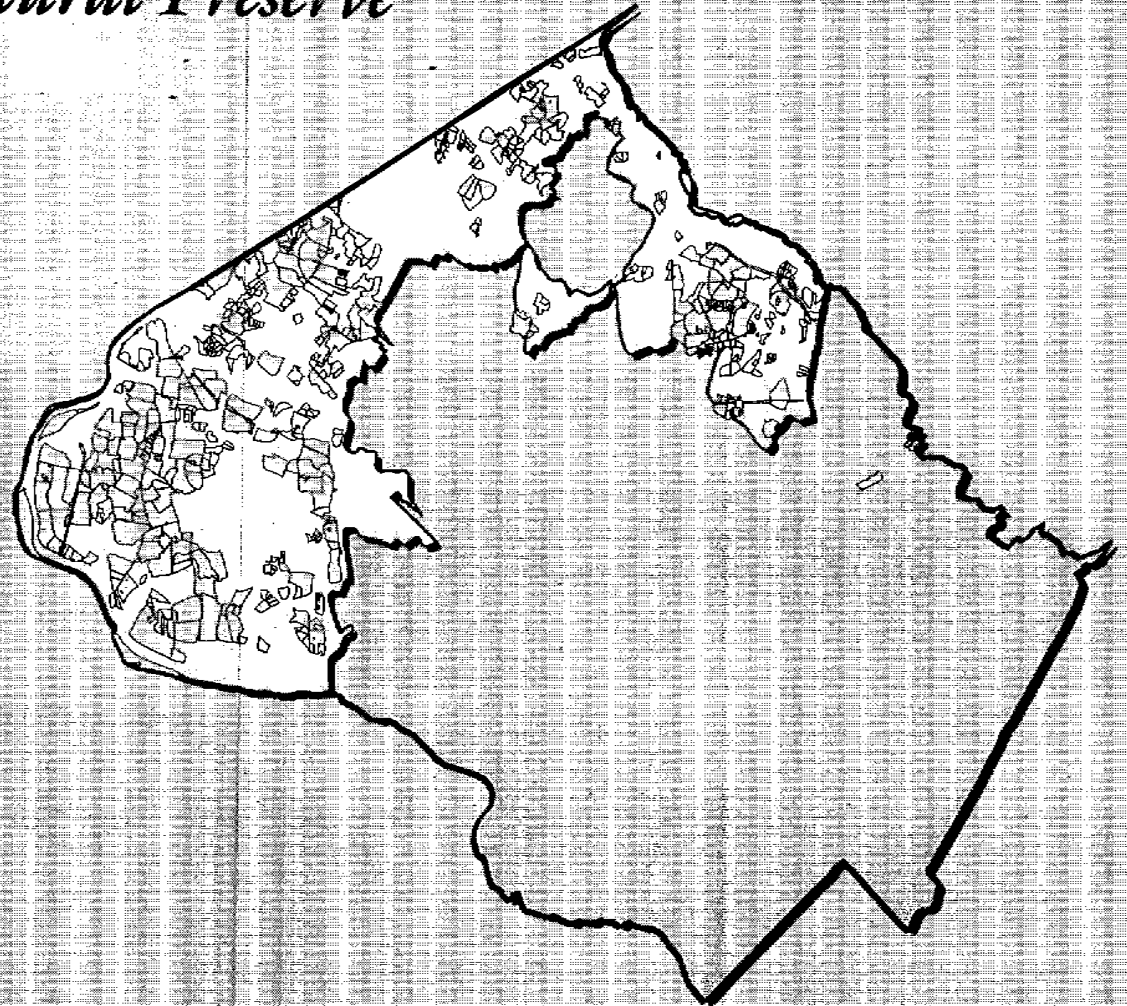
- **91,000 acres
(excluding parkland)**
- **47% Protected by
Easements (see
following slide)**
- **Montgomery County
ranked first in the
nation in preserving
agricultural land**





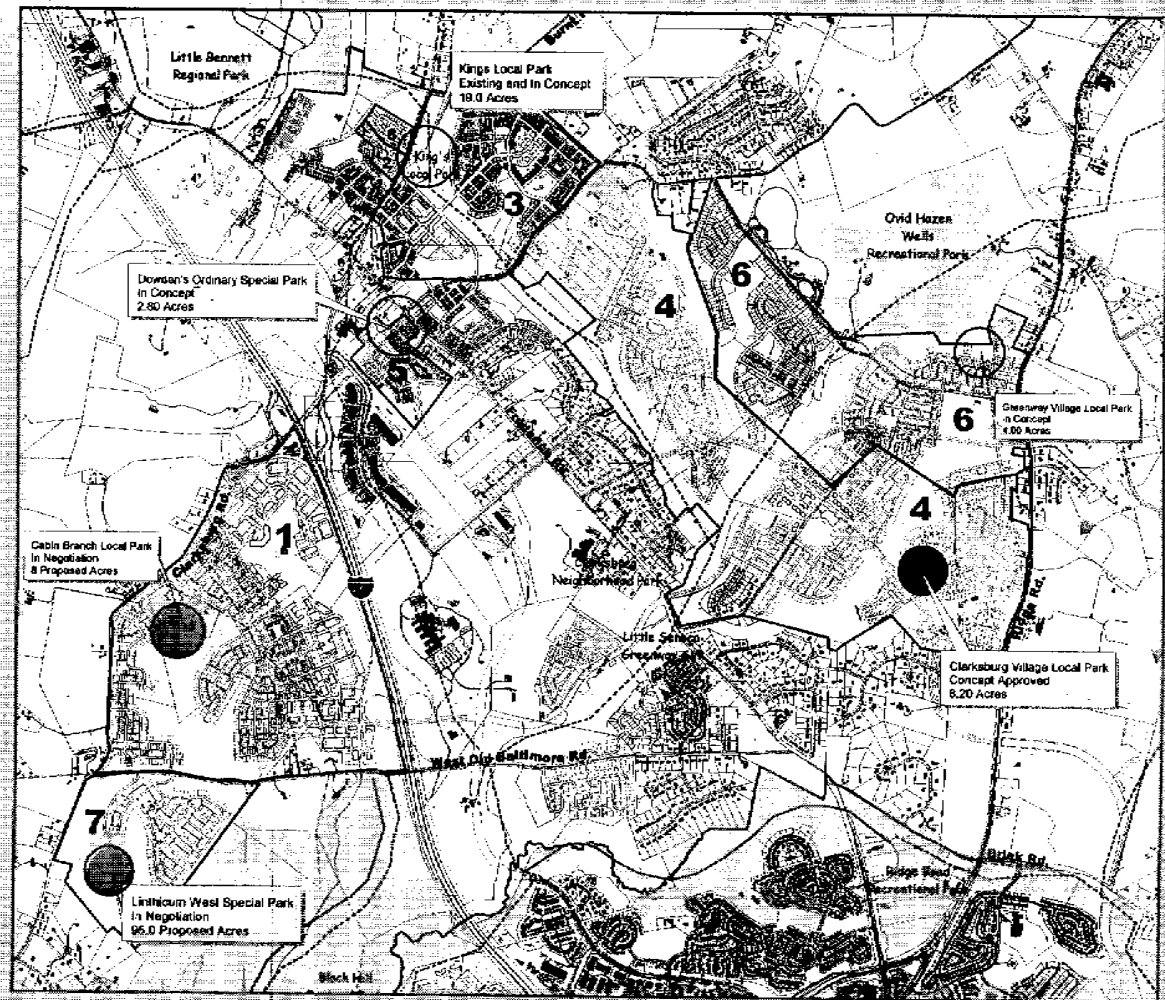
Protection in the Agricultural Preserve

- **Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund**
..... 2,831 acres
- **Maryland Environmental Trust** 2,086 acres
- **Montgomery County Agricultural Easement Program**
..... 6,678 acres
- **Montgomery County Rural Legacy Program**
..... 3,386 acres
- **TDR Easements (rights sold)**
.....43,145 acres



Homeowners Associations

- Many residential developments in Montgomery County are clustered and provide common open space owned by homeowners associations
- Total acres = 6,800
- Many of these open space parcels are wooded and are protected by conservation easements (see following slide)



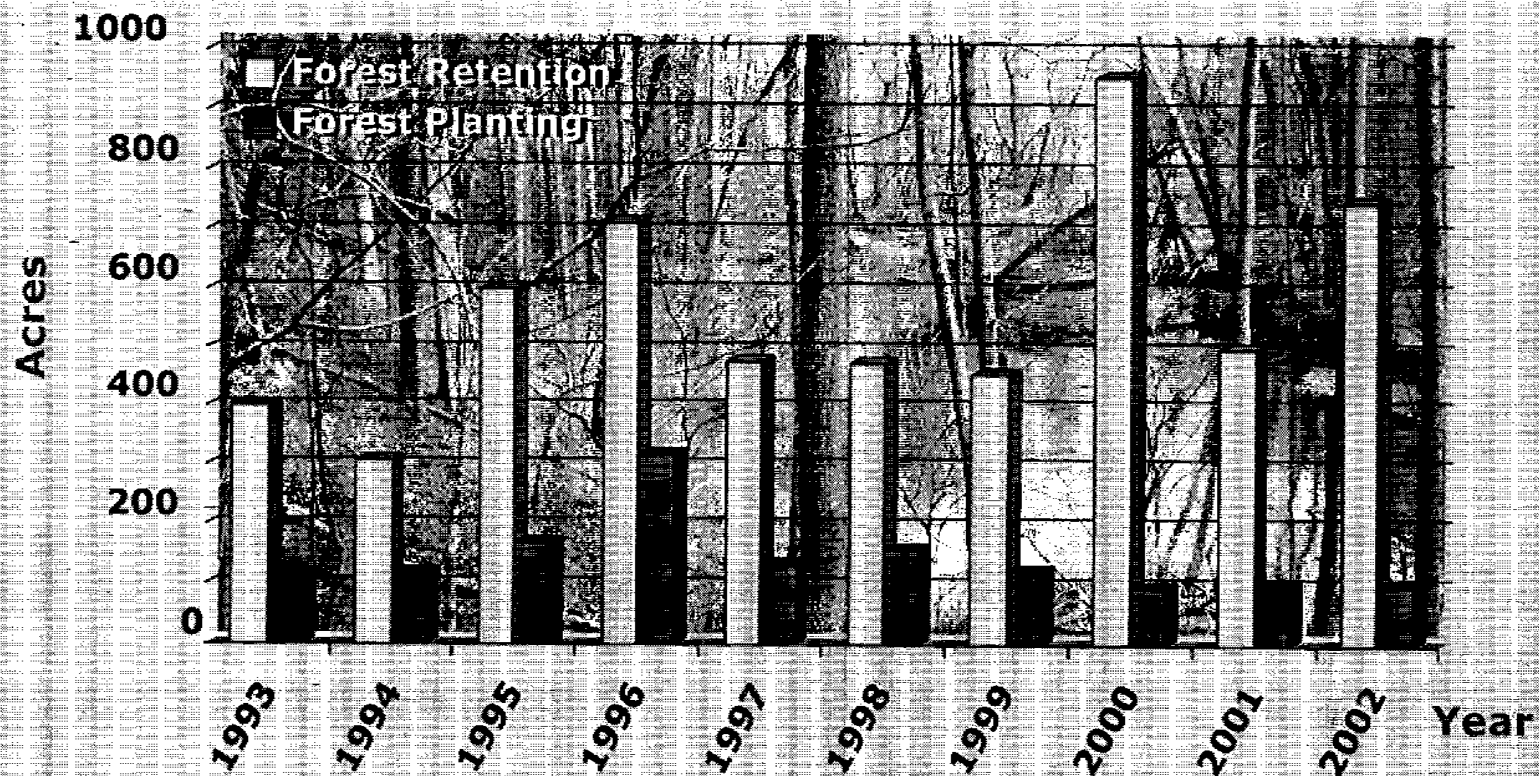
Clarksburg





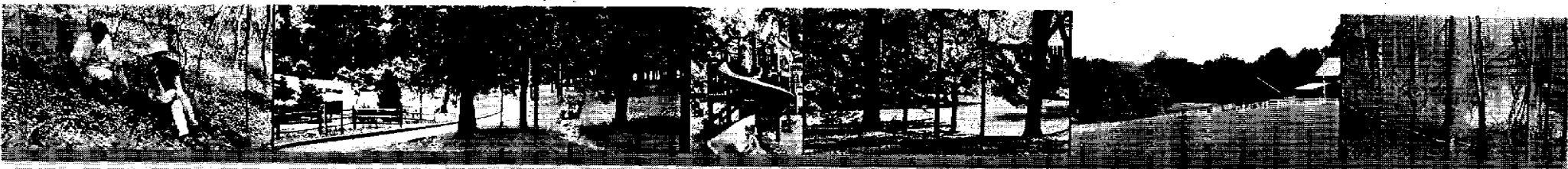
Forest Conservation Law Applies to Most Subdivisions Approved Since 1993

Through 2002, more than 5,600 acres of forest have been preserved and more than 1,400 acres of trees have been planted on private property.



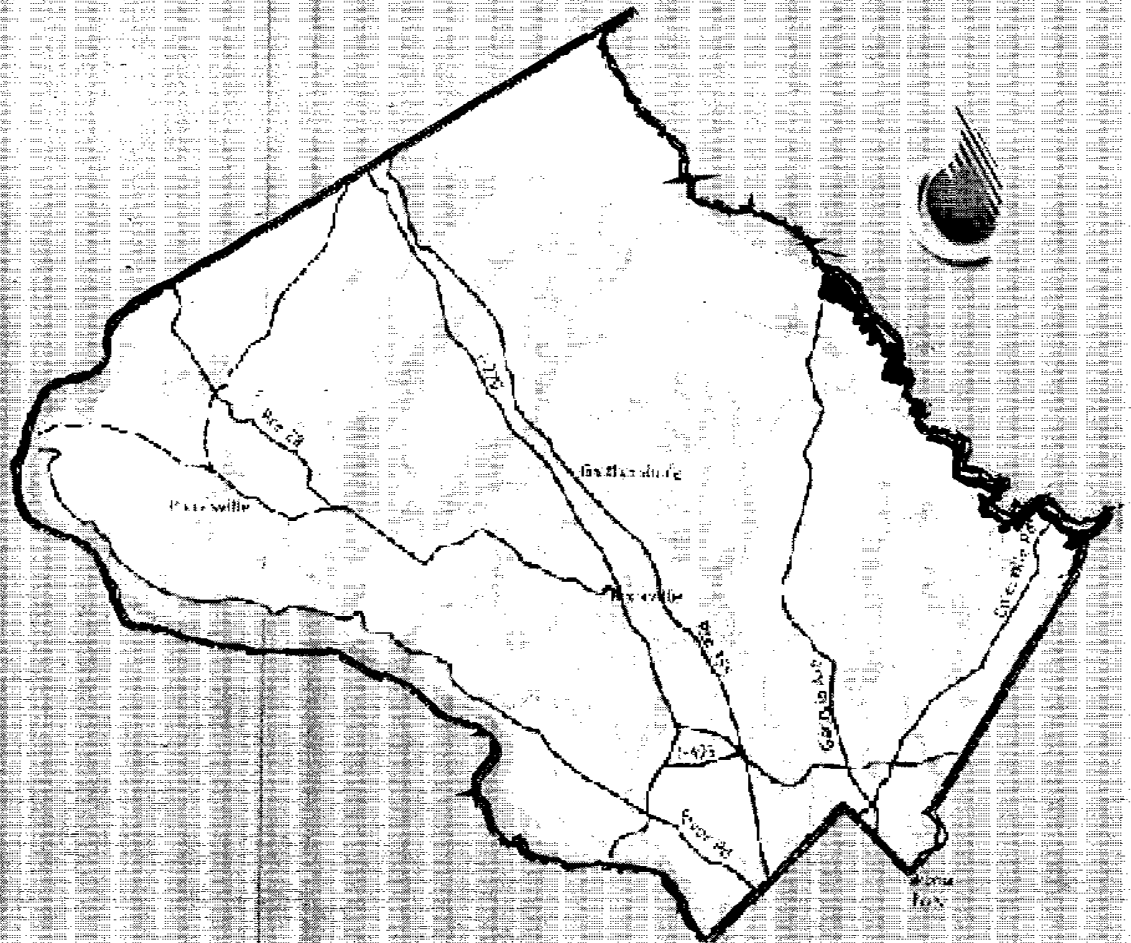
Total Conservation Area = 6,100 acres





Other Conservation Properties

- **WSSC owns 3,100 acres (almost entirely wooded) which are preserved to protect our water supply reservoir**

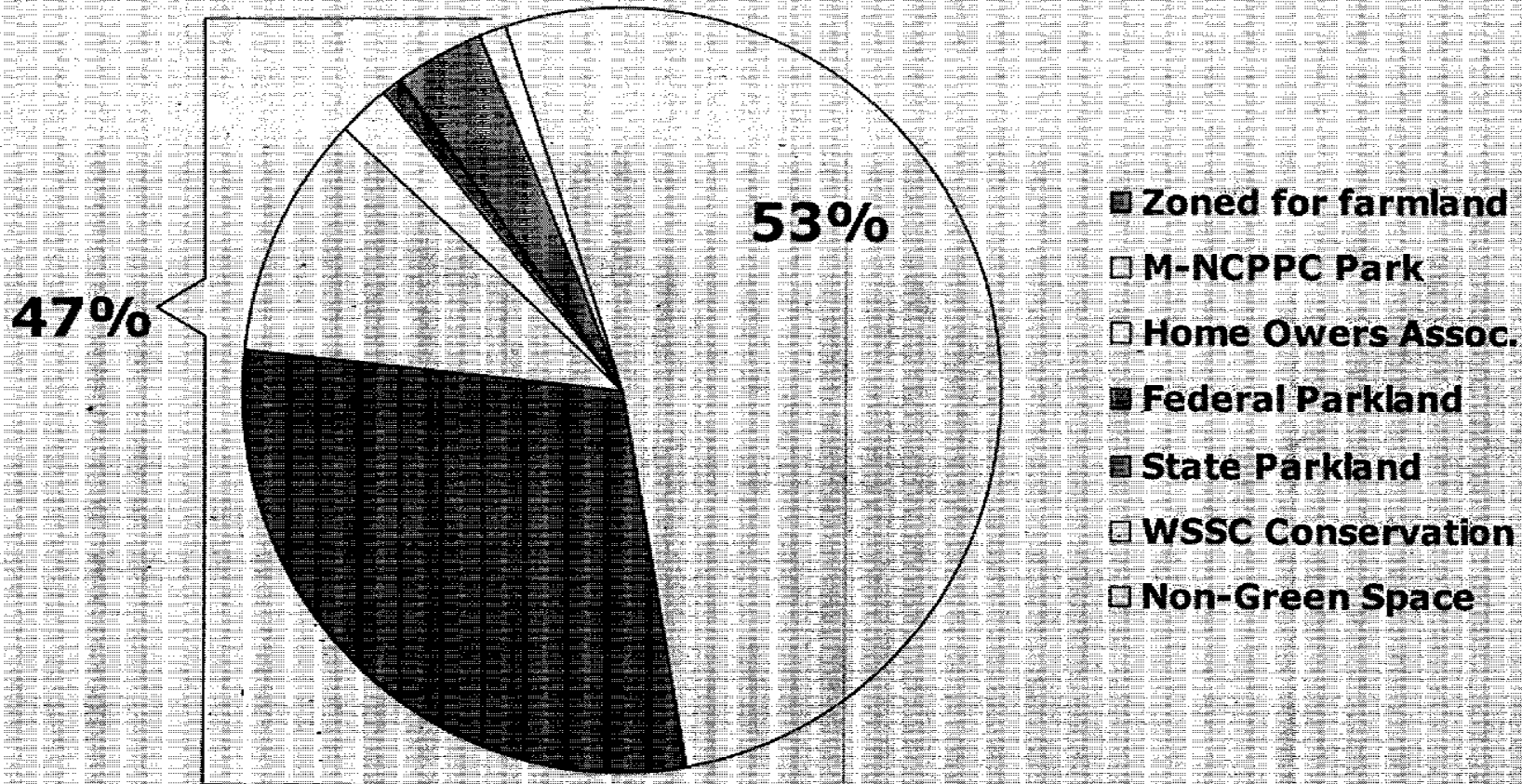




Components of Montgomery County

47% of all land in the County is Green Space

148,000 Acres out 318,000 total Acres





Components of Green Space

148,000 Acres Total

Acres

100

80

60

40

20

0



Zoned for Farmland



M-NCPPC Park



Homeowners Assoc.
Federal Park Land



State Park Land



WSSC Conservation

Owners





Challenges Ahead

- **Building pressure on the Agricultural reserve**
 - Resisting the demand for housing on agriculture land required**
 - New technology for sewage treatment**
 - More requests for sewer extensions**
- **Building pressure on Parkland**
 - Increased demand for active recreation facilities**
 - Increased demand for trails by walkers, bikers and horse riders**
- **Declining fiscal resources**
 - Funding for Parks and Open Space from the State is uncertain**
 - Local funding for parks competes with the demands for schools and transportation**

