



# Small-scale urban forest management

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# NeighborSpace

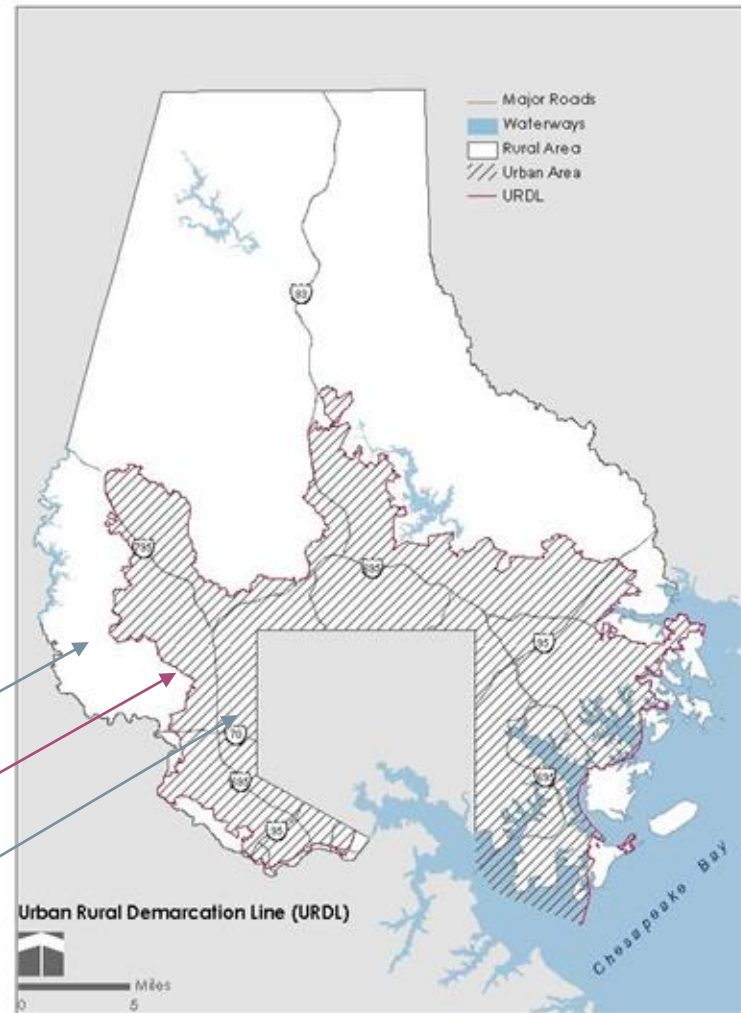
**Mission:** NeighborSpace is a nonprofit land trust working to enhance the livability of urban communities in Baltimore County by protecting, restoring and stewarding land for small parks, gardens, trails and natural areas.

**Vision:** For every resident in Baltimore County to have access to public open space within a 10-minute walk.

Urban-Rural Demarcation Line

rural

urban



# We Protect Parks ...

- 100 acres across 21 sites
- 19 public, walkshed ~37,500 residents
- 11 restored with green / gray infrastructure
- Custom GIS mapping tool



## ... for People

- Community-centered approach: conservation, restoration, stewardship
- Programming: educational, hands-on & social
- Capacity-building
- Highlighting local history



# NeighborSpace forests

- 88 acres across 10 sites
- Smallest forest = 0.5 acres, largest = 16 acres
- Environmental health varies: badly degraded → robust native population
- Level of human use varies: passive open space → walking trails, natural play, gathering



# Example: Tollgate Wyndham Preserve

- Owings Mills
- 7 acres



# Tollgate Wyndham Preserve: conservation goals



# Tollgate Wyndham Preserve: challenges



# Tollgate Wyndham Preserve: successes



# Tollgate Wyndham Preserve: sustainability

