

Land Protection Options in Worcester County

Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation: MALPF

This program purchases permanent agricultural conservation easements from willing owners of eligible farmland. Applications are accepted on an annual cycle, typically between January and May.

<https://mda.maryland.gov/malpf/pages/default.aspx>

Rural Legacy Program

Worcester County has two Rural Legacy Areas: Coastal Bays Rural Legacy Area and Dividing Creek Rural Legacy Areas. This program purchases permanent conservation easements from willing owners of eligible land.

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Pages/RuralLegacy/home.aspx>

CREP Permanent Easement

This program purchases permanent conservation easements from willing owners of land that is enrolled in CREP.

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/land/Pages/crep.aspx>

Please contact Katherine Munson, 410-632-1220 ext 1302 or kmunson@co.worcester.md.us for more information about these or other programs that may be available to protect and/or restore land.

Other land protection options include:

Donated conservation easement to the Lower Shore Land Trust <https://www.lowershorelandtrust.org/>

Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership (WREP). Contact USDA Service Center 410-632-2464