



Finding the Bright Spots: Maryland  
Strategies  
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## Maryland's urban tree canopy program influenced by:

- Legislation:
  - No Net Loss of Forest of 2009
  - Forest Preservation Act of 2013
    - Established by policy a statewide tree canopy goal of 40%
- Governor's Urban Tree Canopy Roundtable meeting, Spring 2014

- Strategies to meet goals:
  - Cost assistance to landowners via coupon
    - Marylanders Plant Trees program
  - Riparian buffer establishment assistance
    - Backyard Buffer program
  - Target mowed areas for conversion to forest
    - Lawn to Woodland program

- Challenges to meeting goals:
  - Available land
  - Funding sources
  - Engaging the public
- Opportunities
  - Nontraditional landowners
  - New partnerships / expanding existing

- Accomplishments:
  - Marylanders Plant Trees coupons
    - est. Spring 2009 – total 114,231 trees
  - Backyard Buffers
    - now available in 16 counties
  - Lawn to Woodland program
    - Spring 2014 (pilot): 12 sites, 14.3 ac
    - Spring 2015: 87 sites, 105 ac
    - Spring 2016: potentially 60 sites, 70+ ac

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## Chesapeake Urban Tree Canopy Summit

