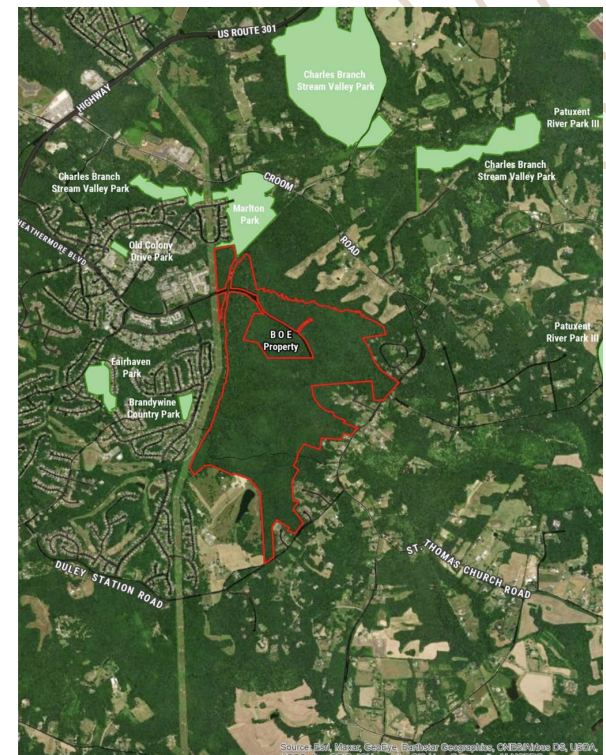


Using our land conservation toolbox



In January, M-NCPPC Prince George's County Parks & Rec purchased 537 acres from the Girl Scouts Nation's Capital (GSNC) chapter to add to the County's Charles Branch Stream Valley Park. The tract consists of a large contiguous forest critical for its biodiversity, and it protects a major tributary of nearby Jug Bay, one of Maryland's most ecologically treasured sites. **The Southern Maryland Conservation Alliance (SMCA) played a major role in making this acquisition happen.**



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January 2022

- Black Swamp Creek Land Trust informs SMCA about a 600+ acre tract near Jug Bay in Prince George's Co, owned by GSNC that is listed for sale.

April 2022

- SMCA members write a letter to the GSNC's CFO expressing strong support for acquisition of the tract by Prince George's Co Parks & Rec.

February 2022

- SMCA's core team discusses the GSNC property at its bi-monthly meeting.
- After the meeting, SMCA members reach out to Prince George's Co Parks & Rec and GSNC leadership urging conservation of the tract.

May 2022

- Broker for GSNC indicates to Prince George's Co Parks & Rec that GSNC is not interested in selling for conservation parkland.

Sincerely,

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June 2022

- SMCA re-strategizes, and reaches out to the Sierra Club to write a letter to the editor (LTE) at the Washington Post urging conservation of the GSNC tract.
- SMCA promotes the issue across various platforms.

November 2022

- A Girl Scout from Virginia, inspired by the Wash Post LTE and Sierra Club campaign, creates her own petition urging saving the GSNC tract.

December 2022

- Girl Scout petitioners secure meeting with GSNC leadership
- SMCA learns that negotiations are underway between the GSNC leadership and Prince George's Co Parks & Rec.

July 2022

- Washington Post publishes LTE from Sierra Club.
- Sierra Club letter writing campaign urging conservation of GSNC site goes live.



January thru November 2023

- Negotiations ongoing between GSNC and Prince George's Co Parks & Rec to acquire the GSNC tract for conservation parkland.



November 2023

- Chesapeake Bay Journal publishes an article highlighting efforts to save the GSNC tract.

May 2023

- Washington Post publishes article about the Girl Scout who started the petition drive for saving the GSNC tract.

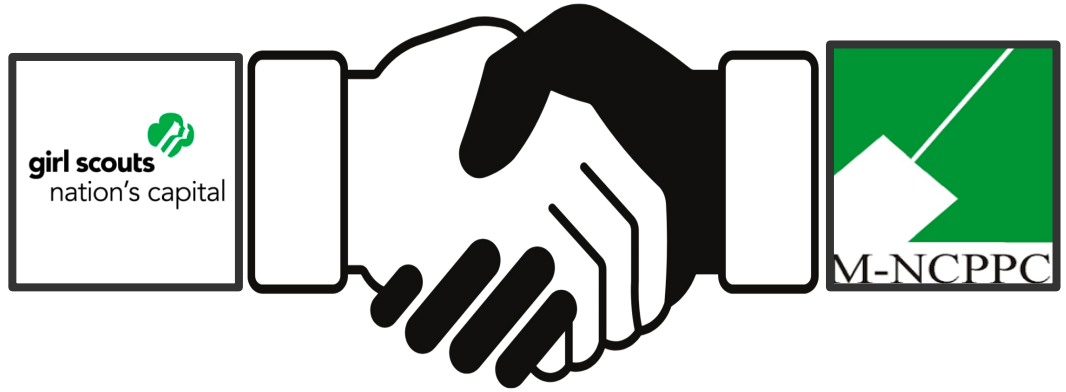


November 2023

- SMCA learns that Prince George's County's Planning Board approves a parkland purchase agreement for the GSNC property, and County staff begin work toward settlement.

January 2024

- Prince George's County Parks & Rec announces acquisition of the GSNC tract!



SMCA made this success possible!