**Tree Cover Status & Change**

**FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD**

**59.5%**  
Total Percent of County with Tree Cover

**$69.8 Million**  
Annual Benefits provided by Tree Cover  
(in reduced air pollution, stormwater, & carbon dioxide)

**-1,815 Acres**  
Net Loss of Tree Cover on Developed Lands, 2013 to 2018

### What is the land use/land cover breakdown in your county?

263,914 ACRES OF LAND AREA  
IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

- **Tree Cover**  
  - 59.5%  
  - 157,081 acres

- **Impervious (Buildings/Pavement)**  
  - 14.9%  
  - 39,250 acres

- **Agriculture**  
  - 8.4%  
  - 22,072 acres

- **Turf Grass (Lawns)**  
  - 10.3%  
  - 27,077 acres

- **Other**  
  - 5.8%  
  - 15,412 acres

- **Non-Forested Wetlands**  
  - 1.1%  
  - 3,021 acres

1. Tree cover includes all trees occurring on all land uses, such as individual trees found over turf, impervious, agricultural, wetlands, or other lands. It also includes areas of “forest,” defined in this dataset as patches of tree cover 1 acre or greater, with a minimum patch width of 240 feet.

2. Other includes a mixture of non-treed land uses not captured in the main pie chart categories. See the Data Guide for detailed definitions of “other” and all the land use categories.

### Where does tree cover occur in your county?

- **67.2%**  
  - is in forest  
  - (105,510 acres)

- **5.1%**  
  - is over impervious  
  - (7,937 acres)

- **24.6%**  
  - is over turf grass  
  - (38,594 acres)

- **3.2%**  
  - is other tree cover  
  - (5,040 acres)

### What are some benefits of tree cover in your county?

- **Total Air Pollution Removal Value**  
  - 12.8 Million lbs removed annually  
  - $20.0 Million saved annually  
  - Total air pollution removal includes CO, NO₂, O₃, SO₂, and Particulate Matter (PM2.5, PM10).

- **Gallons of Reduced Stormwater Runoff Value**  
  - 1.3 billion gallons reduced annually  
  - $11.2 million saved annually

- **Carbon Sequestered Value**  
  - 206,000 tons removed annually  
  - $38.6 million saved annually

Calculated based on 2018 tree cover data using: landscape.itreetools.org

Land use/land cover statistics were generated based on 2018 imagery using the 2022 edition of the Chesapeake Bay Land Use and Land Cover Database.

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How is tree cover changing on developed and developing lands?

Understanding how your tree cover changes over time can inform the sustainable management of forests and community trees. The map to the left shows where your county has lost and gained tree cover from 2013 to 2018, focusing on land that is already or newly developed.

Tree cover can be lost quickly due to human activities (e.g., construction) or natural events (e.g., severe weather).

Tree cover can be gradually increased through tree planting and natural regrowth, but these gains may take 10-15 years to be detected in high resolution imagery.

Since mature, healthy trees provide significantly greater community benefits than newly planted trees, it is important to both preserve existing tree cover and seek opportunities to grow new trees and forests. Local land use planning, ordinances, and tree programs play a critical role!

Tree Cover Change on developed/developing lands (2013–2018)

Gains (268 acres)
- 159 Acres gained over turf/pervious
- 108 Acres gained over impervious

Losses (2083 acres)
- 964 Acres lost to turf/pervious
- 1118 Acres lost to impervious

Net Change = Gains – Losses
(-1,815 acres Net Loss)

Learn More:
- Chesapeake Tree Canopy Network
  Links to county fact sheets, user guides, map viewers, datasets, and more
- Tree Equity Score
  Explore maps of how tree benefits are distributed across communities
- Capitalizing on the Benefits of Trees
  A slideshow for local leaders featuring tree benefits, case studies and resources
- State Urban and Community Forestry Assistance
  (Maryland Website)

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