Statement of Public Policy Values
Forever Maryland is dedicated to the conservation of our state’s land, water, wildlife, and other natural resources. Everyone who lives or works in Maryland, or who visits Maryland, should have the opportunity to experience and cherish these invaluable natural treasures that sustain healthy, vibrant, and economically resilient communities.

There is no room in our work on behalf of the people of Maryland for racism, injustice, or acts of exclusion. The principles and values of equality, justice, and inclusion guide us and will be honored by Forever Maryland in all that we do.

2023 Forever Maryland State Legislative Agenda
(Updated: 1/9/23)

➢ Support Full cash funding of Maryland’s Program Open Space and implementation of the Maryland Great Outdoors Act

➢ Support the Maryland the Beautiful “30X30” Conservation Bill as a way to dramatically increase the conservation of Maryland’s most precious lands and critical habitat, including:
  o Setting a goal to protect 30% of Maryland land by 2030 and 40% by 2040;
  o Creating a new Land Trust Rapid Response Revolving Loan Fund Program;
  o Supporting the implementation of 40X40; and
  o Creating a new Maryland Land Stewardship Improvement Program to help address lands facing invasive species or climate change related threats

➢ Support the creation of an Urban Greenspace Equity Program to help transform urban greenspaces through expanding greenspace opportunities and improving the health of the land

➢ Support making the Community Solar program permanent while advancing solar siting in a way that preserves Maryland’s precious natural resources and working landscapes

➢ Support the 2023 Climate Resilience Investment Act to ensure Maryland’s vital lands and wildlife are protected and supported, while communities prepare to adapt to the effects of climate change

➢ Support Full Funding for the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF) to support conservation oriented non-profit organizations and support for the 2023 Rural Communities Improvement Act