

## **Overview of Conservation and Open Space CIP**

With only four projects, the Conservation and Open Space FY 07-12 CIP has the fewest projects but includes one of the Commissioners' highest priorities, land preservation. The County has a goal of acquiring permanent easements on 100,000 acres of agricultural land. In an aggressive effort to preserve Carroll's agricultural open space while it is still available, the Commissioners in FY 05 increased bonding through FY 08 to acquire more acres than had been planned in prior CIPs. The additional debt service to the General Fund will be funded with the portion of the property tax revenue that had previously been budgeted in the Agricultural Preservation project. \$48 million is planned for the Agricultural Preservation Program and is a combination of dedicated Property Tax revenue, Bonds, Agricultural Transfer Tax revenue and State participation. As begun in FY 01, bond funding is included to allow for the acquisition of easements through Installment Purchase Agreements.

This FY 07-12 CIP includes continued funding to maintain the County's permit associated with the Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. The Watershed project will assist in responding to the requirements under the Federal Clean Water Act and the NPDES permit that the County holds for its storm sewer systems.

For additional information on these or other Conservation and Open Space projects, please refer to the individual project pages.

**COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2007 TO 2012**

**Adopted**

	Fiscal Year						Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012			
<b>CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE:</b>									
Agricultural Land Preservation	\$11,581,000	\$11,337,000	\$5,740,000	\$6,070,000	\$6,423,000	\$6,803,000	\$0	\$0	\$47,954,000
Land Bank	6,081,500	8,613,945	2,650,000	2,730,500	2,810,000	2,900,000	0	0	25,785,945
Roadway Evaluation Studies	27,038	27,849	28,684	29,545	30,431	31,344	0	0	174,891
Watershed Assessment & Improvement (NPDES)	95,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	100,000	150,000	0	0	570,000
<b>CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,784,538</b>	<b>\$20,053,794</b>	<b>\$8,493,684</b>	<b>\$8,905,045</b>	<b>\$9,363,431</b>	<b>\$9,884,344</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$74,484,836</b>
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDING:</b>									
Transfer from General Fund	\$122,038	\$102,849	\$103,684	\$104,545	\$130,431	\$181,344	\$0	\$0	\$744,891
Property Tax	9,281,000	7,837,000	1,440,000	1,770,000	2,123,000	2,503,000	0	0	24,954,000
Bonds	6,081,500	9,813,945	4,650,000	4,730,500	4,810,000	4,900,000	0	0	34,985,945
Ag Transfer Tax	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	0	3,000,000
State Ag. Preservation (MALPF)	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	0	0	10,800,000
<b>CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,784,538</b>	<b>\$20,053,794</b>	<b>\$8,493,684</b>	<b>\$8,905,045</b>	<b>\$9,363,431</b>	<b>\$9,884,344</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$74,484,836</b>

# Agricultural Land Preservation

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The Carroll County agricultural land preservation program encourages landowners to make a long-term commitment to agriculture by offering financial incentives in exchange for their right to develop their private property. The program is jointly funded by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) and the County.

For the County to reach its goal of preserving 100,000 acres of productive farmland, the County is providing funding in excess of the required match. The County is also funding some easements independent of the MALPF program, including joint acquisitions when the Carroll County Land Trust has received grants from the Federal Farmland Protection Program.

At the end of FY 05, 38,638 acres have been permanently preserved through the MALPF program, and a total of 46,737 acres through the combination of all programs.

For more information on Agricultural Land Preservation programs and eligibility requirements, please visit our website at: <http://ccgovernment.carr.org/ccg/agpres/default.asp>.

	FY 07	FY 08	FY 09	FY 10	FY 11	FY 12	Prior Allocation	Balance to Complete	Total Project Cost
Engineering/Design									0
Land Acquisition	11,581,000	11,337,000	5,740,000	6,070,000	6,423,000	6,803,000			47,954,000
Site Work									0
Construction									0
Equipment/Furnishings									0
Other									0
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>									
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,581,000</b>	<b>11,337,000</b>	<b>5,740,000</b>	<b>6,070,000</b>	<b>6,423,000</b>	<b>6,803,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,954,000</b>

<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>									
Transfer from General Fund									0
Property Tax	6,281,000	1,537,000	1,440,000	1,770,000	2,123,000	2,503,000			15,654,000
Bonds	3,000,000	7,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000			18,500,000
Ag Transfer Tax	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000			3,000,000
State Ag. Preservation (MAL)	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000			10,800,000
Rural Legacy Grant									0

<b>PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS</b>									
	0	0	0	0	0	0			0



# Roadway Evaluation Studies

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The implementation of the Carroll County Master Plan requires occasional study of transportation issues relating to environmental impacts, roadway alignments, intersection geometrics and signalization, improved pedestrian facilities, and other analyses which may be required as a result of the on-going land development projects in Carroll County.

Funding available under this project would be used in the identification, analysis, and preparation of recommendations that will benefit the movement of goods, services, and citizens in a manner that is consistent with the County's transportation goals. Reports and recommendations generated in this project may also be used to satisfy permitting requirements of review agencies having a role in the approval process. There is potential for up to three projects to be funded each year over the six-year capital program. Additional funding for inflation is included for every fiscal year through 2012.

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Engineering/Design	27,038	27,849	28,684	29,545	30,431	31,344			<b>174,891</b>
Land Acquisition									<b>0</b>
Site Work									<b>0</b>
Construction									<b>0</b>
Equipment/Furnishings									<b>0</b>
Other									<b>0</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>									
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27,038</b>	<b>27,849</b>	<b>28,684</b>	<b>29,545</b>	<b>30,431</b>	<b>31,344</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>174,891</b>
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Bonds									<b>0</b>
Ag Transfer Tax									<b>0</b>
State Ag. Preservation (MALPF)									<b>0</b>
Rural Legacy Grant									<b>0</b>
<b>PROJECTED OPERATING IMPACTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			

