

Support of SB 605 - Queen Anne's County - Natural

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Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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March 10, 2021

To: Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: Support of SB 605 - Queen Anne's County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting

On behalf of our member families in Queen Anne's County, I submit this written testimony in support of SB 605, legislation expands Sunday hunting in Queen Anne's County by authorizing the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to allow a person in Queen Anne's County to hunt any game bird or mammal on a Sunday during the open season for that game bird or mammal.

Crop damage created by deer is nearly \$50 per acre today. These numbers are even higher on the Eastern Shore. DNR reports show that more than 10% of the deer harvested this hunting season were done on Sundays. Opening Queen Anne's County to have these additional Sunday hunting dates will allow the hunters to help address the overpopulation of deer in Queen Anne's County.

MDFB Policy: We support statewide Sunday hunting on private lands.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS SB 605 AND ENCOURAGES A FAVORABLE REPORT.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colby Ferguson'.

Colby Ferguson
Director of Government Relations

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Larry Hogan, Governor
Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor
Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary

March 10, 2021

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Cheryl C. Kagan
Vice Chair, Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support – Senate Bill 605 – Queen Anne’s County – Natural Resources – Sunday Hunting

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources supports Senate Bill 605. This bill allows a person in Queen Anne's County to hunt any game bird or game mammal on a Sunday during the respective seasons. Queen Anne's County would join the same tier of Sunday hunting opportunities as Allegany, Cecil, Garrett, St. Mary's, and Washington counties.

In general, the department strongly supports the self-determination of local jurisdictions to expand hunting opportunities within State and federal rules and regulations. Hunting remains the most cost-effective method for controlling the deer population throughout most of the State. Sunday hunting is important for expanding deer harvest opportunities if the weather causes unfavorable hunting conditions on the Saturday of the same weekend. Likewise, many hunters only have time to hunt on the weekends, and allowing Sunday hunting essentially doubles their opportunity to pursue deer and other game species.

The department therefore believes that recreational hunting will increase in Queen Anne's County as a result of SB 605. We estimate that an additional 1,000 days of recreation will be spent deer hunting. On Sundays during the 2019-2020 deer seasons in Queen Anne's County, 246 deer were harvested. The department estimates that between 50 and 100 additional deer would be harvested on the additional Sundays in Queen Anne's County as a result of this bill.

We also estimate an additional 200 days may be spent hunting all other game mammal and bird species, except migratory birds which are expressly forbidden from Sunday hunting by statute. Increased opportunities to hunt both game mammals and game

birds will result in a positive economic impact for the local recreational hunting industry.

For these reasons, the department respectfully requests the committee to grant SB 605 a favorable report.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. McKitrick
Director, Legislative and Constituent Services

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Queen Anne's County

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY

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February 19, 2021

The Honorable Senator Paul G. Pinsky
Economics Matters Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SB 605 - Queen Anne's County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting SUPPORT

Dear Senator Pinsky:

Please consider this letter of support for Senate Bill 605. This bill would authorize the Department of Natural Resources to expand hunting on Sundays in Queen Anne's County for designated game bird and game mammal seasons. This change would add Queen Anne's County to those Counties that already allow this hunting provision for deer and turkeys. Other Counties where this is currently permitted include: Allegany, Cecil, Garrett, Saint Mary's, Washington, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Harford, Somerset and Worcester. This provision applies only to private property and does not authorize hunting of geese, ducks, doves or other migratory game birds.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this legislation.

Respectfully,

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

[Signature of Christopher M. Corchiarino]
Christopher M. Corchiarino, President

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Stephen Wilson

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March 8, 2021

**SENATE BILL 605
SUPPORT**

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Chair, Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Senate Bill 605 – Queen Anne’s County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting

Dear Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the National Shooting Sports Foundation (“NSSF”), I submit these comments in support for Senate Bill 605 (“SB 605”) by Senator Herhsey. SB 605 would authorize the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Queen Anne’s County to hunt any game bird or game mammal on a Sunday during the open season for that game bird or game mammal.

As the trade association for America’s firearms, ammunition, hunting, and recreational shooting sports industry, NSSF seeks to promote, protect, and preserve hunting and the shooting sports. We have a membership of thousands of manufacturers, distributors, firearms retailers, and shooting ranges. Our manufacturer members make the firearms used by law-abiding Maryland sportsmen and women, the U.S. military, and law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

This important piece of legislation will expand current Sunday hunting opportunities for sportsmen, women, and children in Queen Anne’s County. Sunday hunting is an excellent vehicle to recruit new hunter-conservationists. Hunting, fishing, and other forms of outdoor recreation have proven physical, psychological, and educational benefits for our nation’s young people. Due to the greater prevalence of academic, athletic, and other competing activities that take place on Saturday, it is likely that allowing Sunday hunting will more than double the number of days children can hunt.

The passage of Senate Bill 605 will help ensure Maryland’s strong hunting heritage can be enjoyed and passed on to future generations of hunters and conservationists, and it is for these reasons that the National Shooting Sports Foundation supports the passage of Senator Hershey’s Senate Bill 605.

Sincerely,

Trevor W. Santos

Testimony SB 605 KeepSundaysSafe LP.pdf

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March 8, 2021

OPPOSE

SENATE BILL 605 (Queen Anne's County) Expansion of Sundays for Hunting

Although my husband and I live in Talbot County, we enjoy spending time (and money!) in neighboring Queen Anne's County – walking in Tuckahoe State Park, biking, horseback riding, and birdwatching at many locations in Queen Anne's County.

Please do not support more Sunday Hunting bills! Leave the remaining Sundays open to all Maryland enthusiasts – Share our Land!

FACT: ...the overall deer harvested from 2008 to 2018 has gradually been declining
<https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/MD-Annual-Deer-Report-2017-2018.pdf>

FACT: in the Wildlife Damage to Agriculture Interest in Maryland report with 99 Eastern Shore Farmers said they were 68% Very Satisfied with the Crop Damage Permits; 20% were Somewhat Satisfied and Less than 5% were Dissatisfied. This program is state-wide and year-round and the DNR says this program is underutilized. There's more opportunity here for hunters.

http://mda.maryland.gov/about_mda/Documents/wildlifedamageag.pdf

FACT: Success Story—Chester River QDM Cooperative (*without Sunday Hunting*)

- Grown to include 10+/- farms in Queen Anne's County with more requesting membership.
- Hunting rules include strict limits on bucks taken (via antler size).
- Places intense hunting pressure on adult does (most productive in herd).

Results:

- Hunters have reduced deer densities nicely.
- Crop yields have gone up considerably.

http://mda.maryland.gov/about_mda/Documents/wildlifedamageag.pdf

FACT: Maryland White-Tailed Deer Plan 2009-2018

http://dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Hunt_Traps/pdfs/2009-2018MarylandWTDeerPlan.pdf

Recreation Goal (pg 43): Provide the opportunity for all citizens to safely, fairly and ethically enjoy diverse deer related recreational experiences and traditions consistent with established deer population trend goals.

Objective 3, Strategy 3: Ensure that deer hunting regulations are responsive to the needs and traditions of the hunting community while remaining compatible with the expectations of the majority of the public.

Objective 4, Strategy 3: Evaluate the safety and efficacy of new hunting techniques, seasons or weapons and review these for compatibility with hunter expectations and acceptance by the general public.

FACT: Large Landowners (who support hunting) and Maryland Residents do NOT support Sunday hunting. http://dnr.state.md.us/wildlife/Hunt_Traps/pdfs/2009-2018MarylandWTDDeerPlan.pdf – Page 64

LANDOWNERS' USES OF LAND AND HUNTING PERMISSION ON LANDS

Opposition exceeds support for deer hunting on Sundays in Maryland among Maryland residents.

Large landowners are like residents in that opposition exceeds support for hunting deer on Sundays.

An overwhelming majority of large landowners allow deer hunting on their property. However, most of those who allow hunting allow only friends and family. Of those who allow others besides friends and family to hunt on their property, just more than a 25% charge hunters for that privilege.

- Reasons for allowing only friends and family include:
- not wanting strangers on the property,
- concern about personal safety,
- limit crowding on the land, the poor behavior of hunters, and legal liability.
- In line with their majority opposition to Sunday hunting, large landowners are less likely to allow Sunday deer hunting on their property than to allow it. *(Therefore, the hunters might want more Sunday hunting, but the Large Landowners who control the private lands, have final say, and do NOT want Sunday hunting.)*

Conclusion:

Hunters have 6 days a week to hunt in all Eastern Shore Counties with an additional 9-15 Sundays during the archery & firearm seasons. Not many non-Sundays remain gun and arrow free. When walking/riding through the woods or fields, the public should be able to move freely without looking over their shoulder for a hunter in their vicinity.

*WIN/WIN approach: Allowing the Hunters to keep their weekend day, Saturday only, then they are likely to have an uninterrupted, successful hunt without other dogs, horses, human voices and scents interruptions. The public can plan their outdoor days to avoid hunting days as much as possible. **Let's keep the balance we have for ALL Marylanders.***

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joyce and Wayne Bell
6682 J Oren Road, Easton MD 21601*

Opposition SB0605.pdf

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Dear Sir/Madame,

I am testifying **in opposition of SB 0605** which would allow Sunday Hunting of all game mammals and birds on private lands, in Queen Anne's County Maryland.

I am the Program and Equine Director for Talisman Therapeutic Riding and our farm is surrounded by hunting properties. Our operations must be strictly monitored during hunting season. Horses are adversely affected by the noise of firearms and the activities of hunters. The sound of firearms and movements in cover create dangerous safety concerns for horse riders and handlers. Sunday is the one day that our physically and emotionally challenged riders can enjoy Therapeutic horses and programs without concern of interrupting activities, whether it be trailering offsite to recreational State lands bordered by private and other private lands granted permission to ride, or on the private lands of registered 501c3 -Talisman Therapeutic Riding Inc.

Secondly, I am a member with Honorary Colors and serve on the Board of Directors of Wicomico Hunt Club. We enjoy the recreational long-standing tradition of Fox-Chasing. Sunday firearm hunting would negatively affect the lands we are granted permission to ride and surrounding properties.

It seems that to pass this bill and change what has worked reasonably well for years, for most Queen Anne's County residents, would have the unintended consequence of negatively impacting those who have the least heard voices here. They are, however, by no means the least important ones! Our participants and their families are challenged every day in ways that most cannot imagine. We should not take this remaining day, a day without the threat to safety from firearm activity, away from those who rely on Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT) and other recreational riders simply to offset "busy Saturdays" for those to now enjoy hunting with firearms on Sunday's. I cannot stress enough how critical these services are for those who have children or family members affected by physical, cognitive, emotional or behavioral disabilities and enjoy our tranquil surroundings on Sunday's.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of my testimony and **my Opposition of SB 0605** and representing ALL residents of Queen Anne's County.

Respectfully,

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testimony - Sunday hunting - yearround - QA-Senate

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Testimony of the Maryland Horse Council on SB 605 - Queen Anne's County - Natural Resources - Sunday Hunting: **OPPOSE**

- ❖ **A majority of Marylanders oppose Sunday hunting.** An independent statewide poll conducted by Gonzales Research and Media Services in 2018 found that 68.9% of respondents oppose Sunday hunting, and 78% would decide to alter their recreational plans to avoid hunters. In a Maryland Horse Council 2016 poll, 85% of respondents said they changed their schedules or riding locations to avoid encountering hunters. Even DNR's own commissioned survey found that a majority of the general population does not favor Sunday hunting and does not want to see it expanded.¹
- ❖ **This bill would allow hunting in Queen Anne's County on every Sunday of the year.**
- ❖ **Since the advent of the pandemic, widespread use of outdoor recreation and natural resources by the general public has only increased.** For example, attendance at Maryland State Parks in 2020 increased 45% over 2019, which was also a record year.² **Many of these new users are unfamiliar with the rules of hunting and hunting seasons. Now is not the time to increase general public exposure to possible hunting risks.**
- ❖ **The Maryland horse industry represents \$2.1 billion in economic impact;** 28,000 jobs; \$1 billion in annual spending by participants; \$78 million in tax revenue. Over \$73 million in infrastructure improvements to public and private facilities around the state. There are over 100,000 horses in Maryland (more per square mile than any state in the Union), and 51.8% of Maryland households contain horse enthusiasts.³ There are horses in every county in the state.⁴ The majority of Maryland riders are trail riders.⁵

The Maryland Horse Council (MHC) is a membership-based, umbrella trade association of the entire horse industry in Maryland. Our membership includes over 40 breed, interest and discipline associations, plus horse farms and stables, horse-related businesses, and horse owners representing all facets of the Maryland equestrian community, from the owners of race horses and race tracks, to the owners of international level competition horses, local sport horses, trail horses or just beloved retired companion horses. The owner of Pimlico, Laurel and Rosecroft racetracks is a member, as are vets, tack stores, and other farms, businesses and

¹ https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/2018_DeerPublicOpinionSurvey.pdf

² <https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2021/02/04/lt-governor-boyd-k-rutherford-maryland-department-of-natural-resources-announce-45-percent-increase-in-maryland-state-parks-attendance-in-2020/>

³ See attached fact sheet.

⁴ According to the 2010 Maryland Equine Census (current numbers are likely about 25% higher, based on current total statewide population): Allegany 350; Baltimore 8950; Carroll 6050; Frederick 7850; Garrett 1500; Harford 6200; Howard 4350; Montgomery 7900; Washington 3750; Anne Arundel 4500; Calvert 1350; Charles 1750; Prince George's 7100; Saint Mary's 2300; Caroline 1300; Cecil 6200; Kent 1200; Queen Anne's 1700; Talbot 1500; Dorchester 350; Somerset 270; Wicomico 1800; Worcester 880

⁵ <http://equiery.com/trail-riding-tops-reader-survey/>

enthusiasts throughout the state. As such, we stand for over 30,000 Marylanders. Every Maryland county, without exception, is home to hundreds to thousands of horses. (See footnote 3) There are more horse per square mile in Maryland than in any state in the Union. (See attached fact sheet.)

The horse industry in Maryland is a large, engaged and thriving constituency, and a strong economic engine: 28,000 direct equine related jobs; 16,000 properties occupying over 705,000 acres (almost 10% of Maryland's total land area, and over 25% of Maryland's agricultural land) The industry represents \$2.1 billion in annual economic impact, generating \$78 million in annual tax revenue. Horse industry participants spend \$1 billion dollars annually. There are currently \$73 million dollars in infrastructure investments planned or in the pipeline for public and private equestrian facilities throughout the state. Thus, legislative actions that affect the equine industry have a broad economic effect.

POSITION

The Horse Council opposes SB 605.

BACKGROUND

For over 20 years, the Maryland Horse Council has worked to ensure fair use of shared natural resources during hunting season, by seeking to preserve Sundays as the one day of the week when children and adults who are hikers, birdwatchers, dog walkers, trail riders and other outdoor enthusiasts could enjoy the outdoors without concern for adverse interactions with hunters. Almost 20 years ago, we helped defeat a number of statewide Sunday hunting bills. Proponents of Sunday hunting then changed tactics, seeking to introduce Sunday hunting on a county-by-county basis, which we also opposed vigorously. Sometimes they were successful; sometimes not. When they were successful, they succeeded in making an already complicated situation more complicated, making it more difficult for others to plan their outings, and for Natural Resources Police to effectively crack down on poachers and irresponsible hunters, which has caused even more negative encounters between irresponsible hunters and other users.⁶

The Maryland Horse Council has proposed reasonable compromises that would still allow fair use of shared natural resources, by cutting off Sunday hunting, where allowed, at 10:30 am. This compromise still gives both hunters and trail riders and others plenty of Sunday access to opportunities. This compromise has been embraced by some legislators, who have praised the Horse Council for this reasonable approach, and it has been adopted by Montgomery, Kent and Wicomico Counties. Now we are facing a bill that would allow all day Sunday hunting in Queen Anne's County on every Sunday of the year, because it covers all species of game birds and game mammals. According to the Maryland hunting season calendar, https://dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide/Documents/Hunting_Seasons_Calendar.pdf, there is an open season for at least one species on any day of the year. Coyote, groundhog and nutria are literally year-round. This bill does nothing to improve the situation for Natural Resources Police and continues to infringe on the fair rights of other users of our shared natural resources in Maryland.

⁶ In a 2016 Maryland Horse Council survey, 35% of respondents reported "adverse incidents" with hunters while trail riding, ranging from rudeness to deliberate attempts to spook horses, threatening with firearms, and firing of "warning" shots. Significant percentages of DNR's survey respondents also reported problems when encountering hunters.

The issue of recreational Sunday hunting is certainly a fraught one. In a November 2018 independent Gonzales statewide poll, the vast majority of respondents opposed Sunday hunting:

SUNDAY HUNTING Oppose 68.9%; Favor 21.9%

Breakdown:

Strongly Favor 13.5%

Somewhat Favor 8.4%

Somewhat Oppose 15.4%

Strongly Oppose 53.5%

These majorities opposed to Sunday hunting are true in Baltimore Metro, Washington Metro AND Rural areas. Rural Maryland opposed Sunday hunting 60.5% vs 34.1% in favor. Even DNR's own commissioned survey found that a majority of the general population does not favor Sunday hunting and does not want to see it expanded. (See footnote 1.) This bill directly contravenes that clear public opinion by **authorizing DNR to allow all day hunting on all 52 Sundays of the year in Queen Anne's**. This would be a tectonic shift for Queen Anne's, **which currently has only nine Sundays open (for deer hunting)**.

It is important to make clear that the Horse Council is not opposed to hunting. Many of our members are hunters of deer, other game mammals and game birds. We just want to ensure that everyone has a safe option for enjoyment of the outdoors, especially in this time of COVID. The COVID pandemic has dramatically increased the level of outdoor activity and use of natural resources. DNR recently announced, for example, that 2020 State Park attendance increased by 45% to 21.5 million visitors. **Lt. Governor Rutherford stated: "With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic changing the way we live, work, and play, more and more Marylanders are finding affordable, socially-distant, and family-friendly recreation opportunities at our parks and public lands,"** (See footnote 2.) Many of these new users are unfamiliar with the rules of hunting and hunting seasons, and are unaware that they may encounter hunters in the woods. Now is not the time to roll the dice and increase the chances of potential adverse interactions between hunters and members of the public who are relatively new to the outdoors..

It is also sometimes argued that recreational hunters need Sundays because they have other things to do on Saturdays - a situation that plainly applies to most of Maryland's families who use outdoor resources, be they hunters, birdwatchers, dog walkers, mountain bikers, off-road vehicle enthusiasts and trail riders. So why should one group get special consideration? Where is the balancing of the public good? The number of licensed hunters in Maryland, fewer than 100,000, pales in comparison to the state's overall population of about 6 million. According to DNR's survey, only 8% of the general population has hunted in the last two years, and 84% has never hunted. Compare that with the 24% who reported making frequent or occasional trips specifically to view and experience wildlife in their native habitat for photography or other non-hunting purposes. (See footnote 1.)

In the Horse Council's statewide survey on Sunday hunting, 68% of respondents ride on trails on public or private land one or more days a week. And, perhaps most significantly, 85% said they changed their schedules or riding locations to avoid encountering hunters.

This bill would authorize Sunday hunting on private land. We of course recognize that private land owners have some right to decide what uses they want to allow on their land. But such rights have never been absolute, as any review of zoning and land use rules can plainly

establish. And, as a practical matter the public/private land distinction affords little relief since public and private tracts are often relatively small, non-contiguous, intertwined and rarely well-marked. In our survey, referenced above, 56% of respondents said they ride on trails that cross both public and private land.

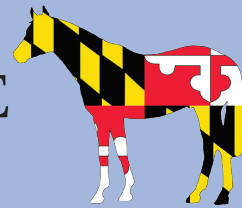
CONCLUSION

We urge the Committee to give SB 605 an unfavorable report.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryland Horse Council
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THE MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY



Thoroughbred & Standardbred horse racing & breeding ♦ trail riding ♦ steeplechase ♦ sport horse competitions ♦ rodeo ♦ carriage driving ♦ therapy programs ♦ recreation ♦ rescue and more

A Dynamic Agricultural Entity

705,000 ACRES



25% of the State's agricultural land

Pastures are among the best filtering devices to protect the Chesapeake Bay from harmful runoff

10% of Maryland land



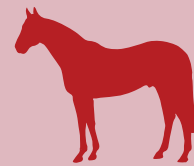
\$80,000,000 on feed, hay and straw

88,000 equine acres preserved forever as farmland



Number of Horses in Maryland

101,457



Horses in Maryland - making MD the number one state in terms of the number of horses per square mile!

10.5 horses per square mile!

200

Equine Orgs. Statewide

16,000

Horse Farms & Stables

35

different equine disciplines

40

 breeds

Integral to the State's Economy



\$2.1 Billion

Economic Impact



\$78m

 in tax revenue

28,000

 industry jobs

\$1B

 spent by participants

A Global Equine Identity



51.8% of households in MD contain horse enthusiasts



10,000 Youths served by MD's Educational Programs

1,500 4H Horse Projects

765 Licensed Riding & Boarding Stables

55 High School Interscholastic Teams

22 Pony Clubs

12 College Equine Teams & Clubs

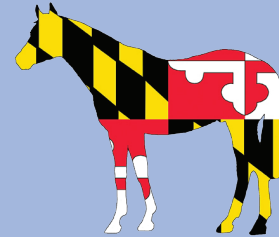


MD is home to International gems:

Triple Crown Race - the Preakness since 1875

International 5-Star at Fair Hill in 2020

THE MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY ECONOMIC IMPACT



The Racing Sector



Adds **\$365 million** in value to the state economy



Racing Sector Total Economic Impact of:
\$572 million



Supports **5,214 jobs**

The Competition Sector

Competition Sector Total Economic Impact of:

\$270 million



Supports **3,346 jobs**



Adds **\$162 million** in value to the state economy



The Recreation Sector



Supports **4,971 jobs**



Adds **\$234 million** in value to the state economy

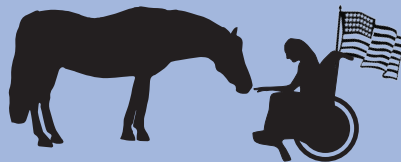
Recreation Sector Total Economic Impact of:
\$382 million



The Equine Therapy Sector



Adds **\$8.4 million** in value to the state economy



40 Therapeutic Riding Centers Including over a dozen Veterans groups

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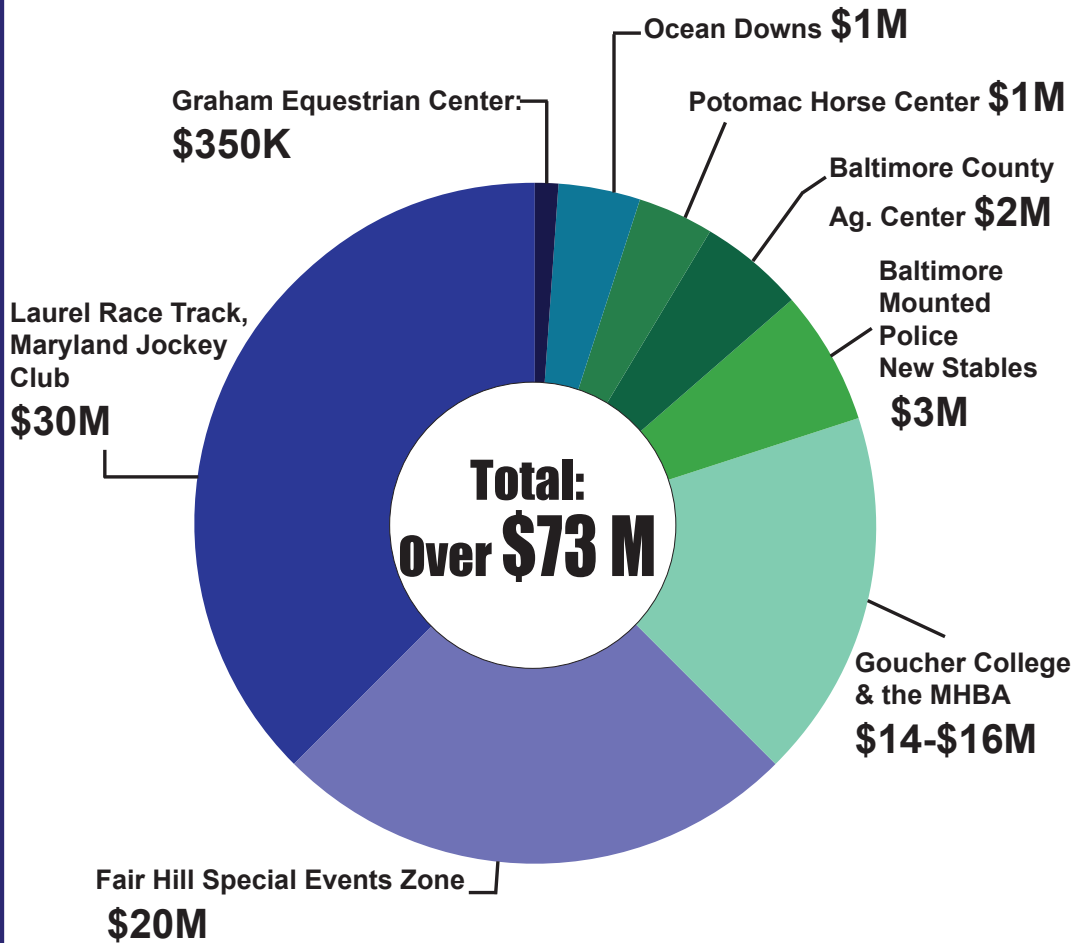
The American Horse Council Foundation 2017

Institute for Governmental Service and Research University of Maryland 2017

Maryland Equine Census, USDA 2010

Investing in Maryland Horse Industry Infrastructure:

Improvements currently planned or in the pipeline



- \$30M Laurel Race Track, Maryland Jockey Club has spent over \$30M
- \$20M Fair Hill Special Events Zone Phase I, construction starts Fall 2019
- \$14M Goucher College & Maryland Horse Breeders Assoc. Equestrian Center
- \$3M Baltimore Mounted Police New Stables, B&O Railroad Museum
- \$2M Baltimore County Ag. Center Show Ring, under construction
- \$1M Potomac Horse Center
- \$1M Ocean Downs Racing Admin. Building & Testing Barn
- \$350K Graham Equestrian Center

