



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

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Committee: Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment

Bill: HB 503 – Natural Resources - Greenspace Equity Program - Establishment

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports HB 503, which creates a Greenspace Equity Program within the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). MML applauds the bill's goal of enhancing public health and livability in overburdened and underserved communities through the creation and protection of outdoor spaces, and we appreciate that local governments are eligible grant recipients. Our towns and cities recognize the value of greenspaces and the role they can play in our residents' physical and mental health, but we often don't have sufficient resources to make greenspaces more available and accessible. We've seen similar programs succeed on a local level and we look forward to this expand option for supporting our residents.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 503 with a favorable report.

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