

How We **PRESERVE**





METRIC 1

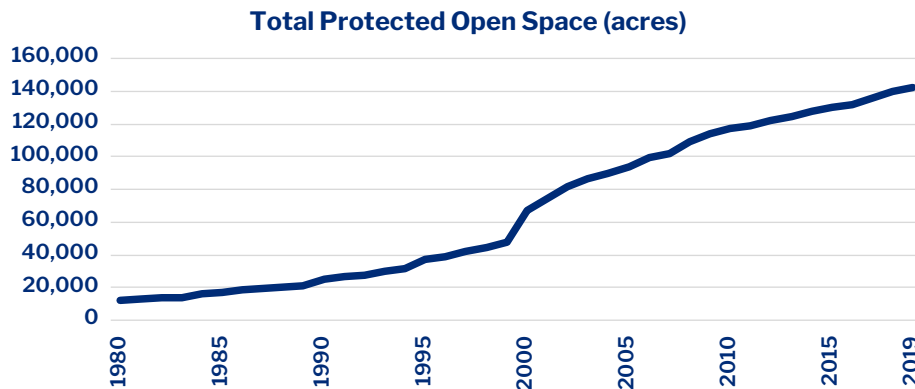
Protected Open Space

Track the percentage of permanently protected open space within the county, including farmland, nature preserves and parks.

METRIC 1 Protected Open Space

METRIC RESULT

Protected open space	Base year 2018	Current year 2019	Difference between current year and base year METRIC RESULT
Total (acres)	139,827	142,233	2,405
Total (as a % of the county)	28.8%	29.3%	0.5%



As of the current year (2019), a total of 142,233 acres of open space was preserved, both with and without county funding. This represents an increase of 2,405 acres (or 0.5%) relative to the base year (2018).



METRIC 2

Open Space Connectivity

Monitor protected open space within the conservation corridors.

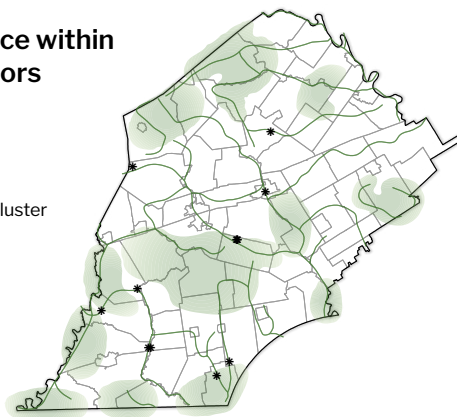
METRIC 2 Open Space Connectivity

METRIC RESULT

Connectivity feature	Base year 2018	Current year 2019	Difference between current year and base year METRIC RESULT
Conservation corridors (acres)	22,955	22,955	0
Protected open space in conservation corridors (acres)	9,043	9,147	103
Percent of conservation corridors as protected open space	39.4%	39.8%	0.4%

Protected Open Space within Conservation Corridors

- * Protected Open Space
(Added in 2019)
- Conservation Corridor
- Protected Open Space Cluster



As of the current year (2019), a total of 9,147 acres of open space were protected within the 1/8th mile wide conservation corridors. This represents an increase of 103 acres relative to the base year.



METRIC 3

Protected Farmland

Track the percentage of farmland that is eligible for an agricultural conservation easement and has been protected from development.

METRIC 3 Protected Farmland

METRIC RESULT

Farmland	Base year 2018	Current year 2019	Difference between current year and base year METRIC RESULT
Viable farmland (acres)	136,316	136,293	-23
Protected viable farmland (acres)	84,199	85,718	1,520
Protected viable farmland (acres) %	61.8%	62.9%	1.1%



This metric addresses farmland that is well suited for protection with an agricultural conservation easement, which may not include all indoor facilities and some unconventional farm operations.

During the current year (2019), the amount of farmland that was eligible for easement and had been protected from development was 85,718 acres, which is 62.9% of all the farmland that was eligible for easement. This represents an increase of 1,520 acres relative to the base year.



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Success Stories

- Return on Environment report released highlighting the economic value of open space in Chester County.
- Open Space Summit celebrates 30 years of open space protection in Chester County.
- Major new areas of protected open space—Bryn Coed and Hibernia Park expansion.