



An Economic Update on State Parks and Forestry in Mountain Maryland

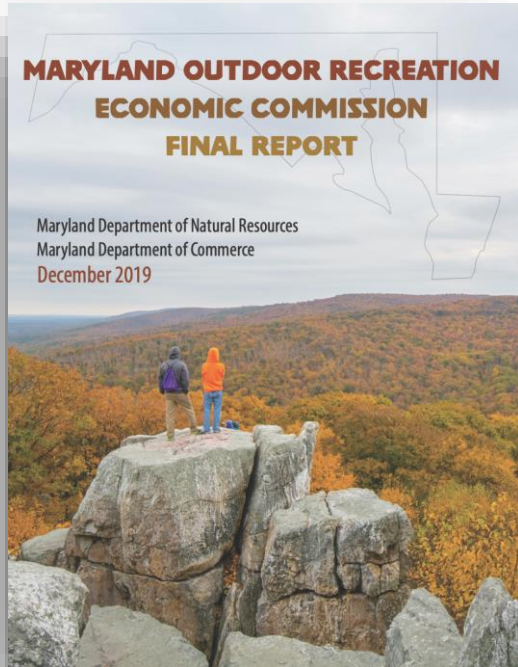
Task Force on the Economic Future of Western Maryland



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Maryland Outdoor Recreation Economic Commission



- The Maryland Outdoor Recreation Economic Commission (MORE) was established by Governor Hogan by Executive Order
- Responsible for making recommendations to the Governor to strengthen the state's outdoor recreation industry and outdoor recreation resources
- Final report published earlier this year. Implementation of recommendations has begun, but slowed by COVID-19 pandemic
- Maryland State Park visitor spending supports 10,000 jobs and generate \$650 million in annual economic benefits (2010 Economic Impact Study of State Parks)



State Parks - Outdoor Recreation Brand & Attractions

- Overview
 - Park Visitation Levels
 - Wolf Den Run, Wills Mountain, and Sang Run
 - Trail system expansion
 - Trail Town - Hancock/WMRT
 - Rocky Gap State Park RFP in partnership with the I-68 Alliance



Forestry Status Update

- Forest Harvesting
 - \$4.3 Million (Direct) / \$21.6 Million (Indirect)
 - Private-85%, State Forests-15%



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- Recreation (State Forests)
 - 155,000-220,000 Visitors
 - \$367/visitor, \$56.9-\$80.7 Million

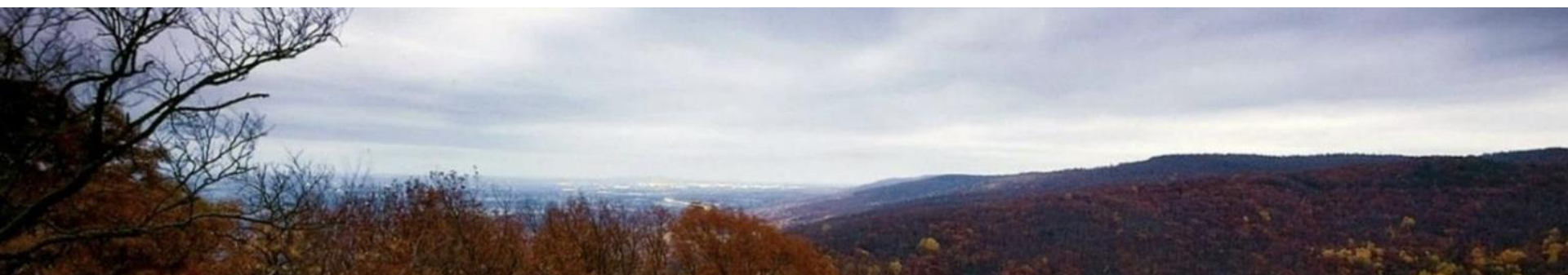


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