



Preserving Maryland's Civil War Battlefields

1989 – 2007

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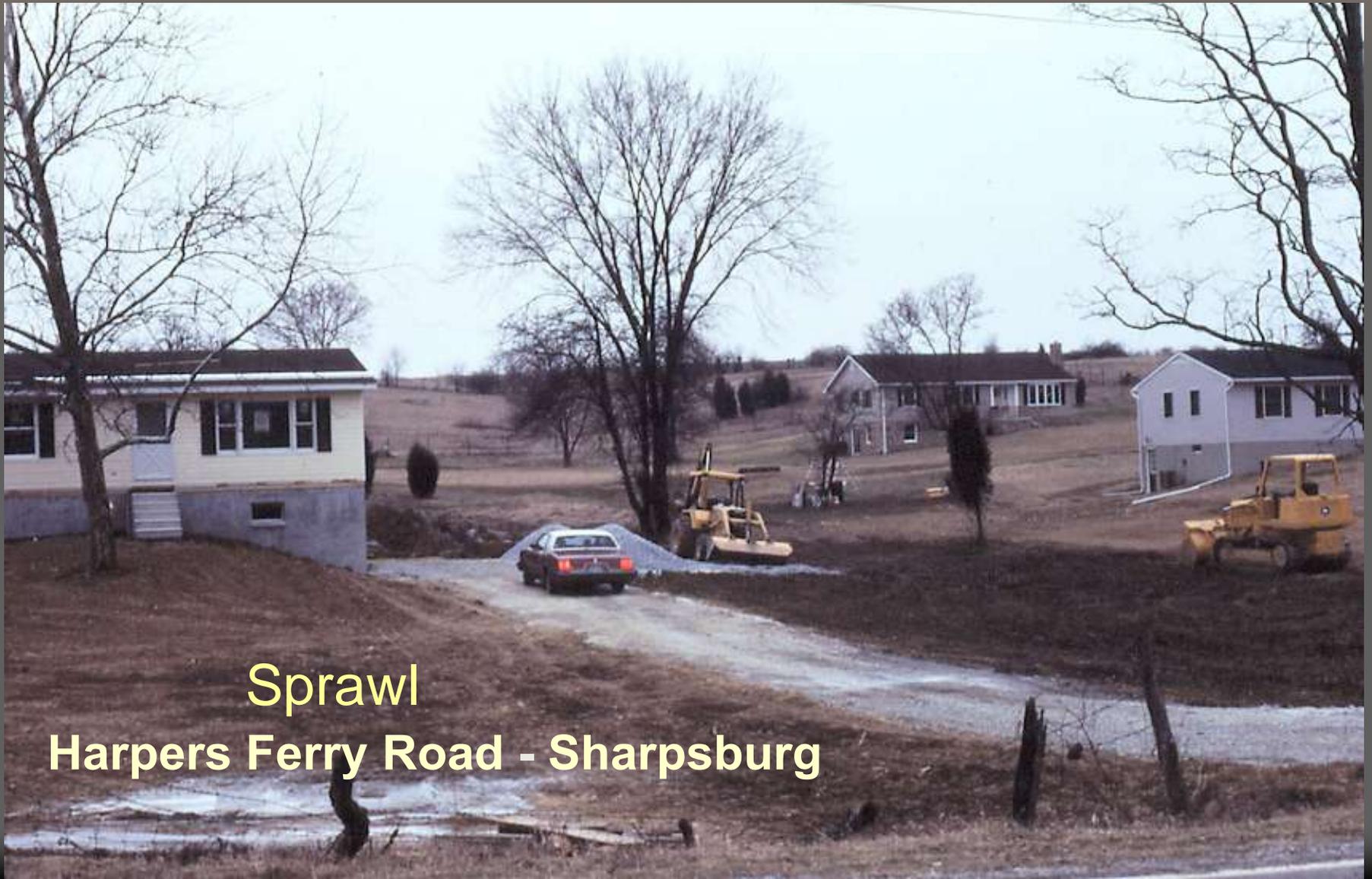
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Battlefield Threats and Responses

Background

- ✧ **1986 Manassas National Battlefield threatened:**
Shopping Center proposed on 558 acres (by Til Hazel)
- ✧ **1988 Congressional Quick-take of Manassas property**
\$134 million to purchase site @ \$240,143 per acre
- ✧ **The Civil War Sites Advisory Commission appointed**
- ✧ **American Battlefield Protection Program established (NPS)**
- ✧ **The Civil War Trust formed**
- ✧ **National concern for American Civil War Battlefields**
(PBS Ken Burns Series on *The Civil War*) 1990

Threats to Antietam Battlefield Area



Sprawl

Harpers Ferry Road - Sharpsburg

Threats to Antietam Battlefield area

Subdivision of the Grove Farm - Sharpsburg





The Grove Farm – Mount Airy

Antietam Station proposal

ANTIETAM STATION



SALE / LEASE
1.9 Acres / Total Space Available

NICK ALOI REAL ESTATE CO
663-9538

MRJ Mario Rocco, Inc.
Millwork, Drapery Contractor
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Responses to Antietam threat

- SHAF sued county to stop subdivision of the Grove Farm
- County-State-NPS Task Force recommends controversial downzoning and overlay proposals
- National Trust lists Antietam area as one of Nation's "11 Most Endangered Historic Places" & provides grant to MET for Rural Historic Village Protection Program,
- MET established a Washington County land trust
- MD General Assembly approves a \$400K Land Trust Grant Fund for MET to help land trust acquisitions,
- MET Provides first \$100K grant to SHAF to preserve

First State Civil War Site Project The Grove Farm

1991

SHAF grants

\$100,000 MET*

\$100,000 CWT

APCWS & CWRT

SHAF bought 40
acre Site, 10 lots
extinguished

* Land Trust Grant Fund



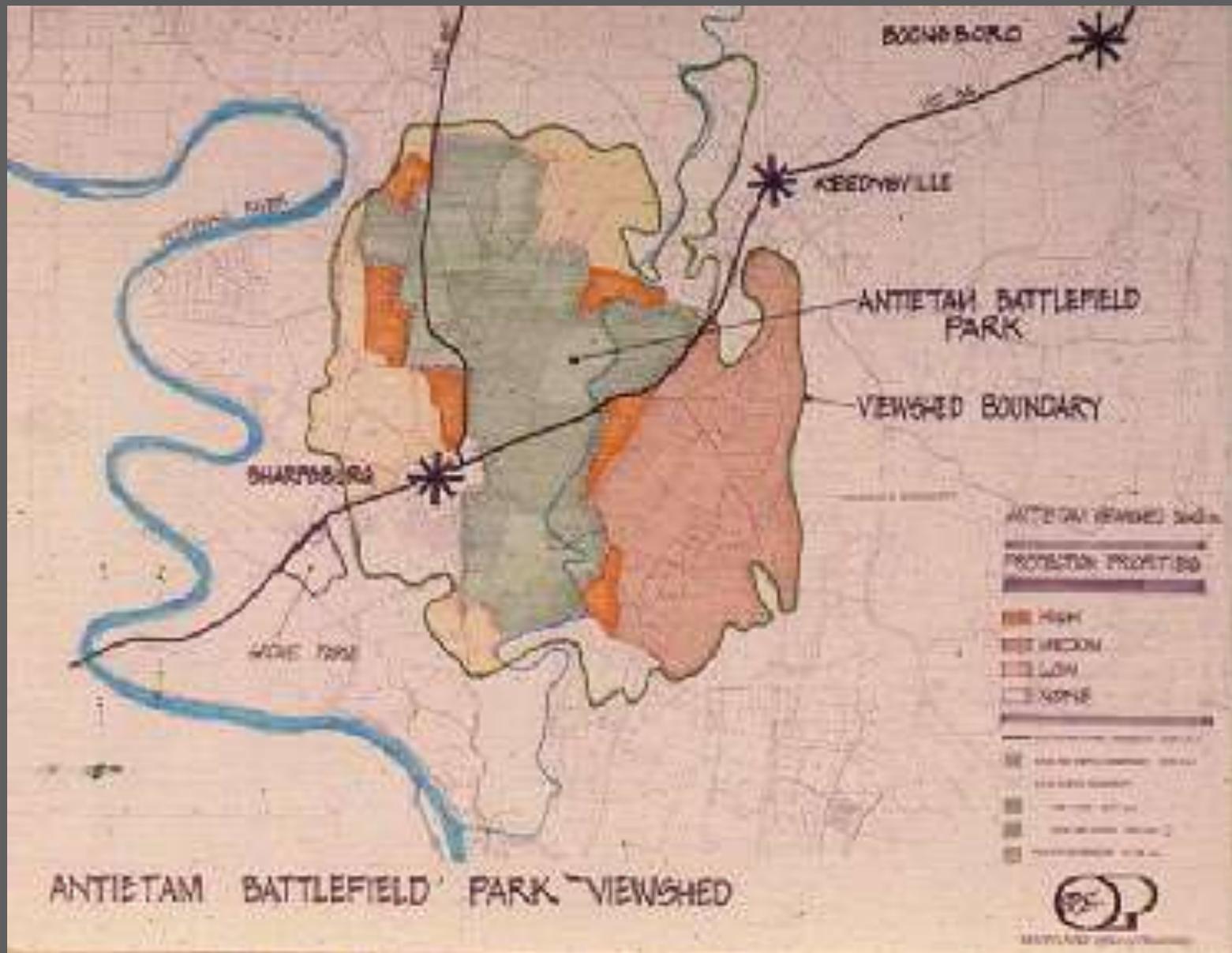
Protection Strategy - Background

- **ISTEA Enhancements enacted – 1991**
- **Lighthizer & Gov. Schaefer formed Governor's Civil War Heritage Commission - 1992**
- **Lighthizer invited \$10 mil. POS/ISTEA application - 1992**
- **3 Plans for battlefield viewsheds developed for: a) Antietam, b) So. Mountain Fox's & Turner's Gaps, and c) Crampton's Gap – reviewed by citizen groups, landowners, local officials & legislators. Other Monocacy properties added.**
- **Focused on threatened private lands outside of NPS and State Park boundaries**
- **Fully utilized and targeted all State easement programs (POS, ISTEA/TEA21, MET, MALPF, RLP, Land Trusts)**

Protection Strategy and Plans

- **Prioritized importance and sequence of acquisitions** (with help of Civil War historians, community groups, landowners and land trusts)
- **Leveraged multiple fund sources**
- **Gave landowners protection options**
- **Willing sellers – no condemnation**
- **Offered appraised fair market values**
- **Worked with property rights leaders**

Antietam Viewshed Analysis



Antietam Protection Plan

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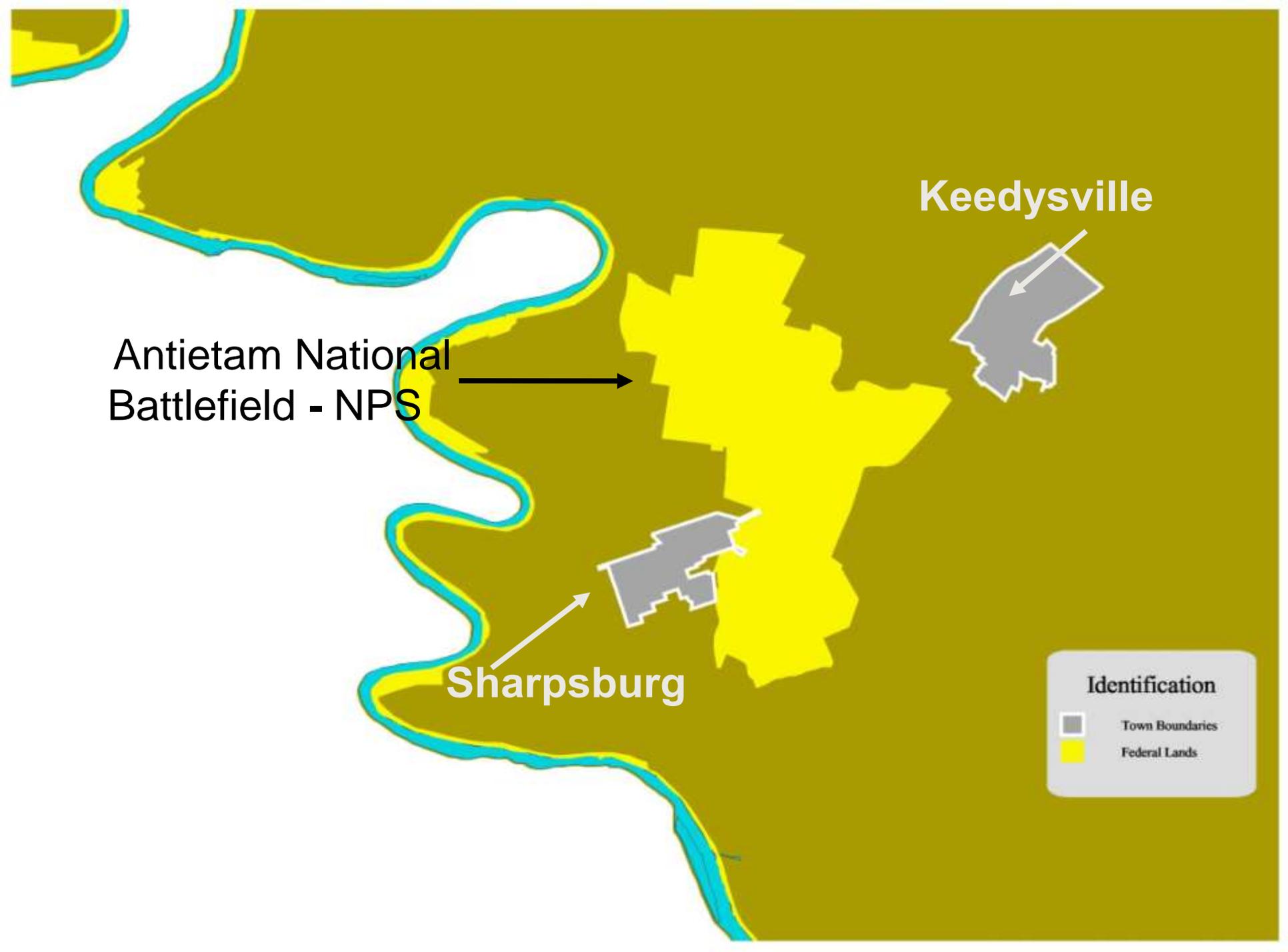


VIEWSHED AND APPROACH PROTECTION ANTIETAM BATTLEFIELD

Key to Protection Priorities:

- Protection Level 1
- Protection Level 2
- Protection Level 3
- Protected Lands





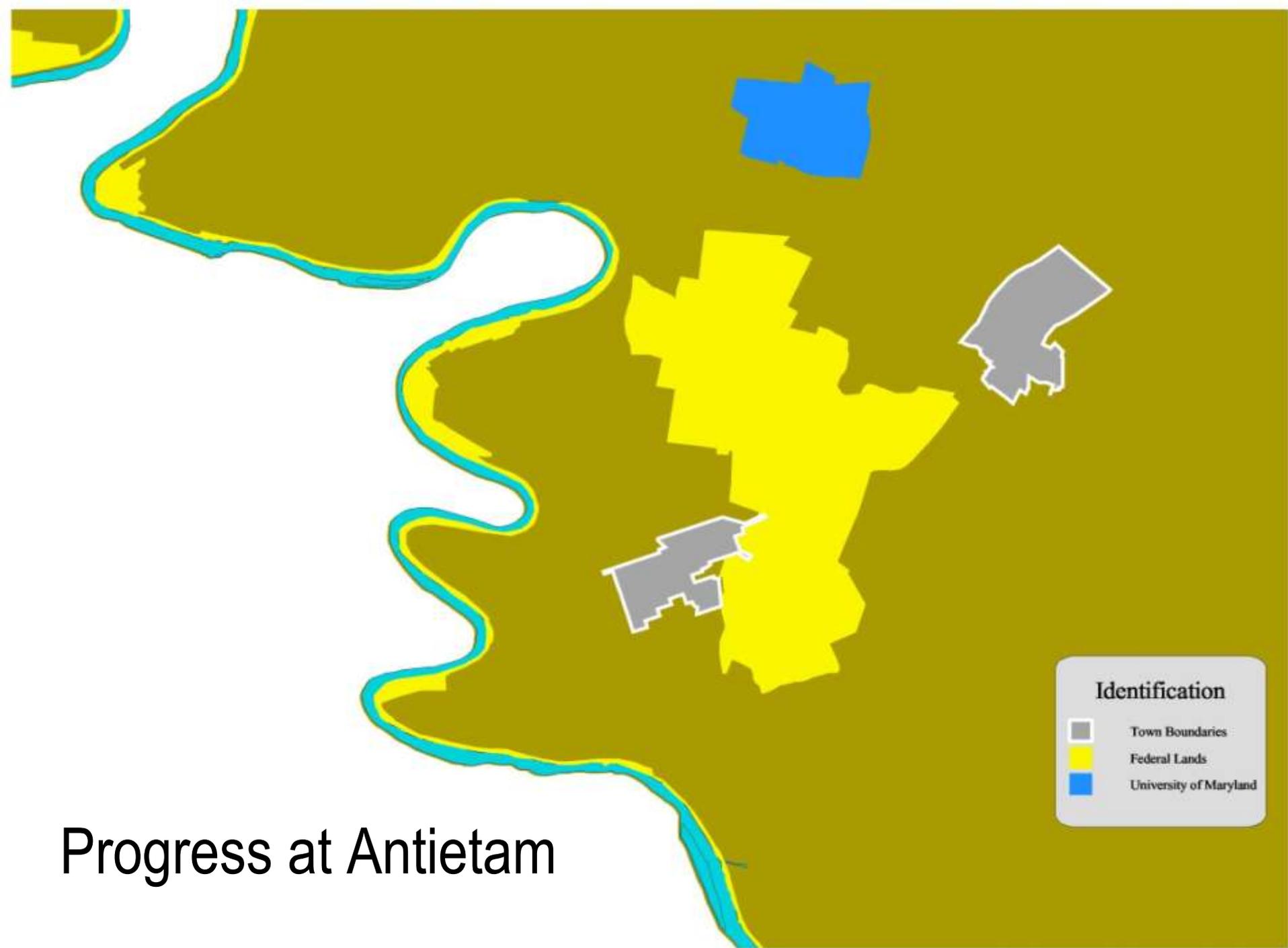
Keedysville

**Antietam National
Battlefield - NPS**

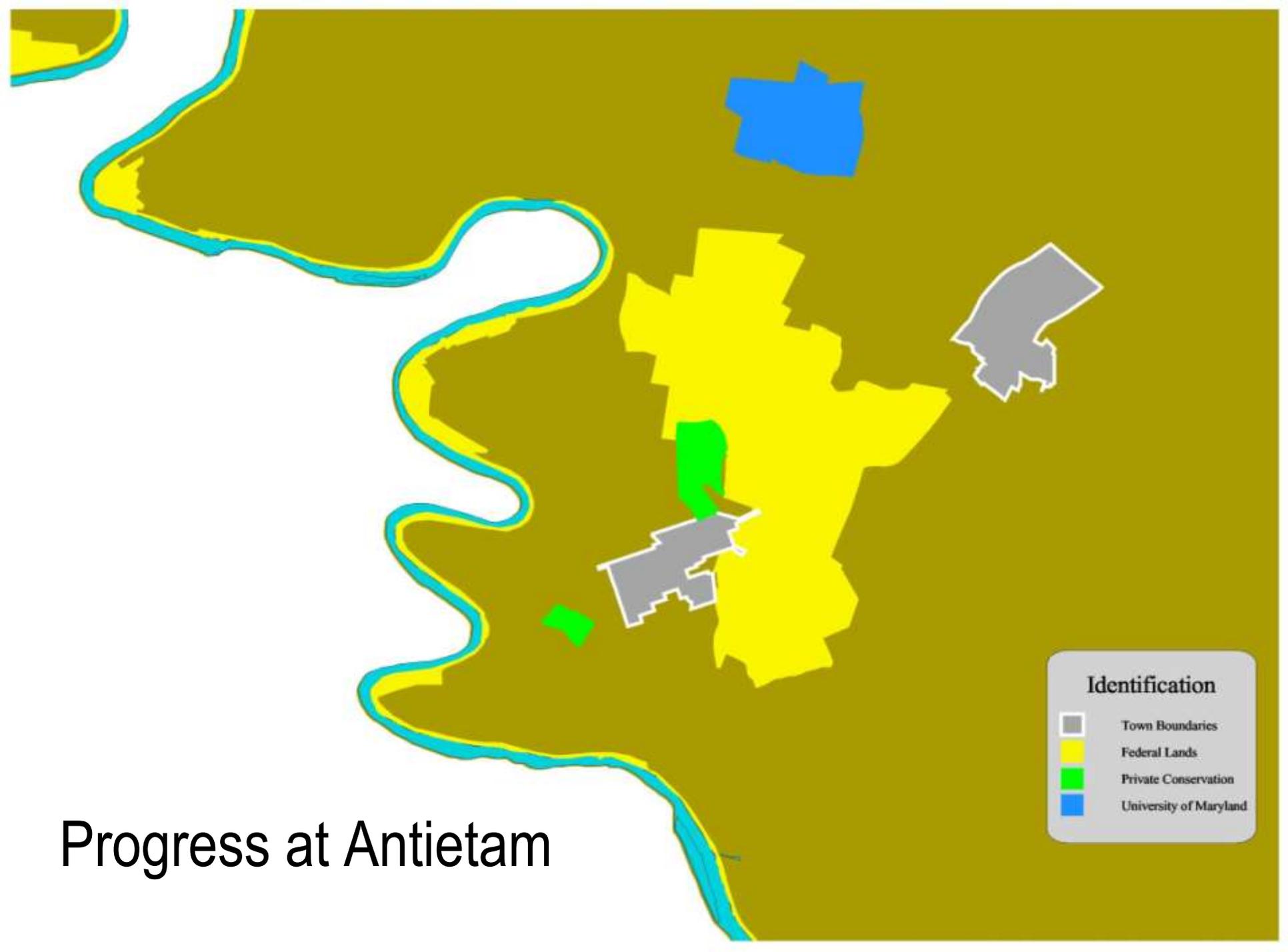
Sharpsburg

Identification

- Town Boundaries
- Federal Lands

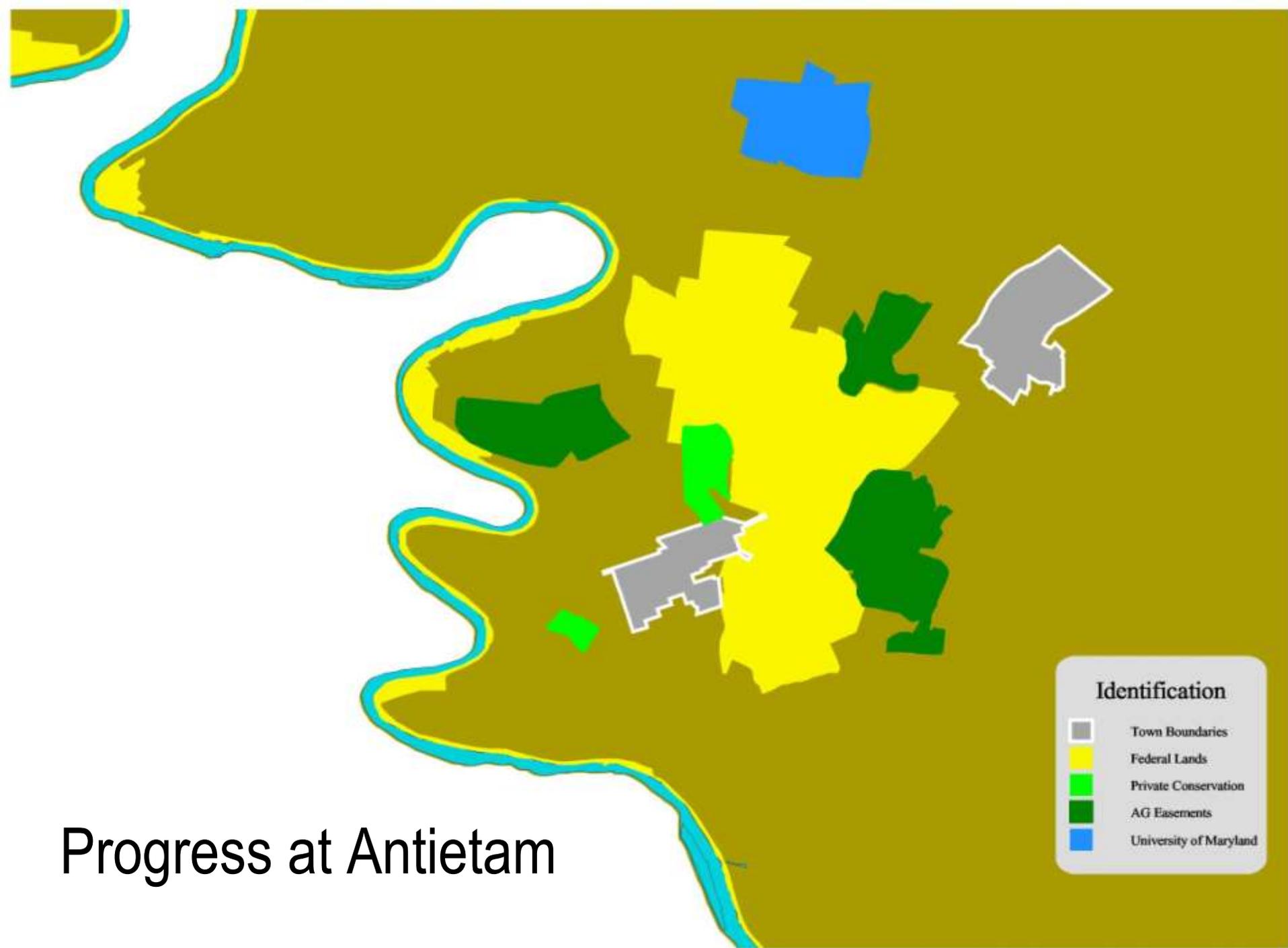


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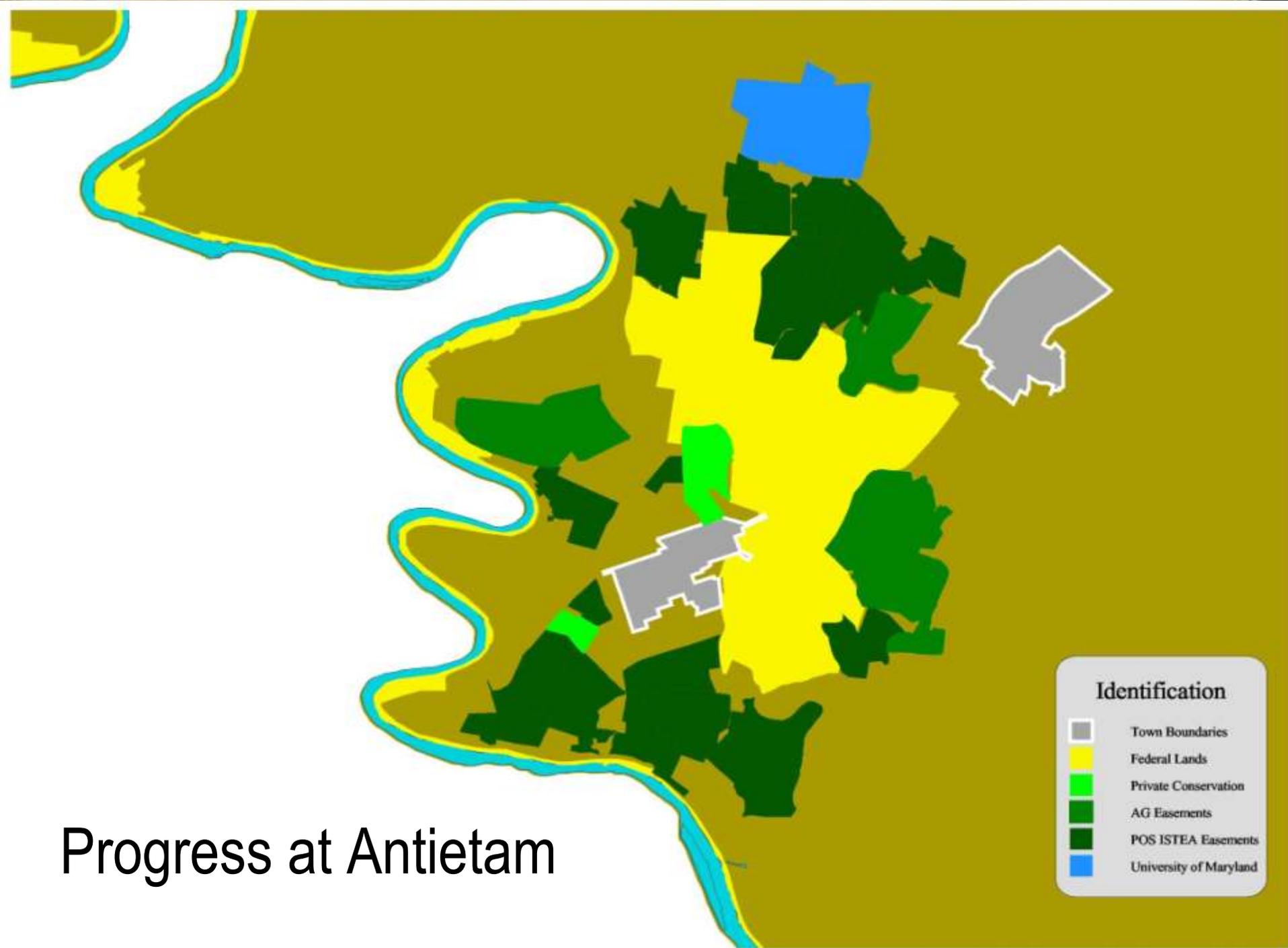


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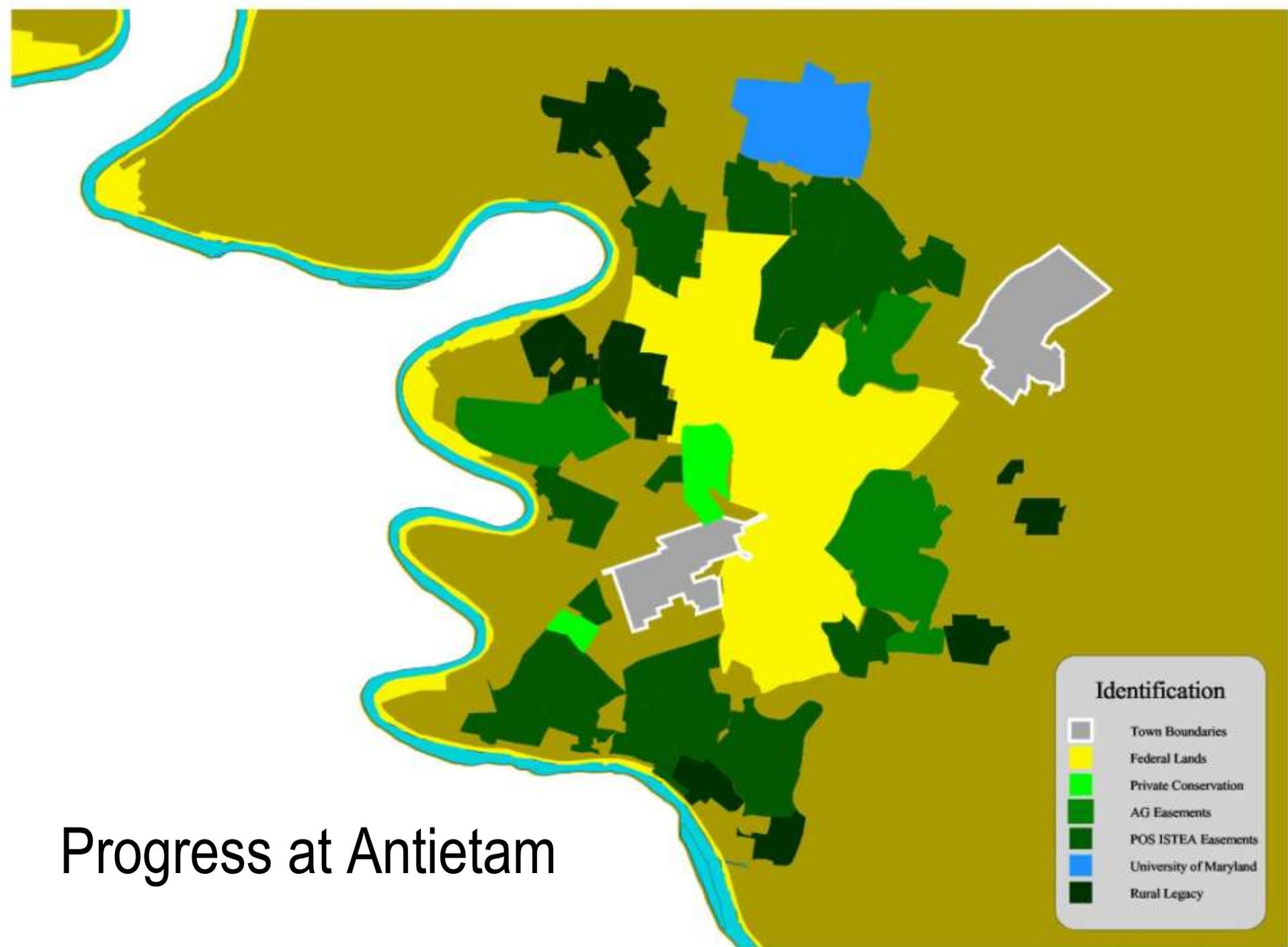
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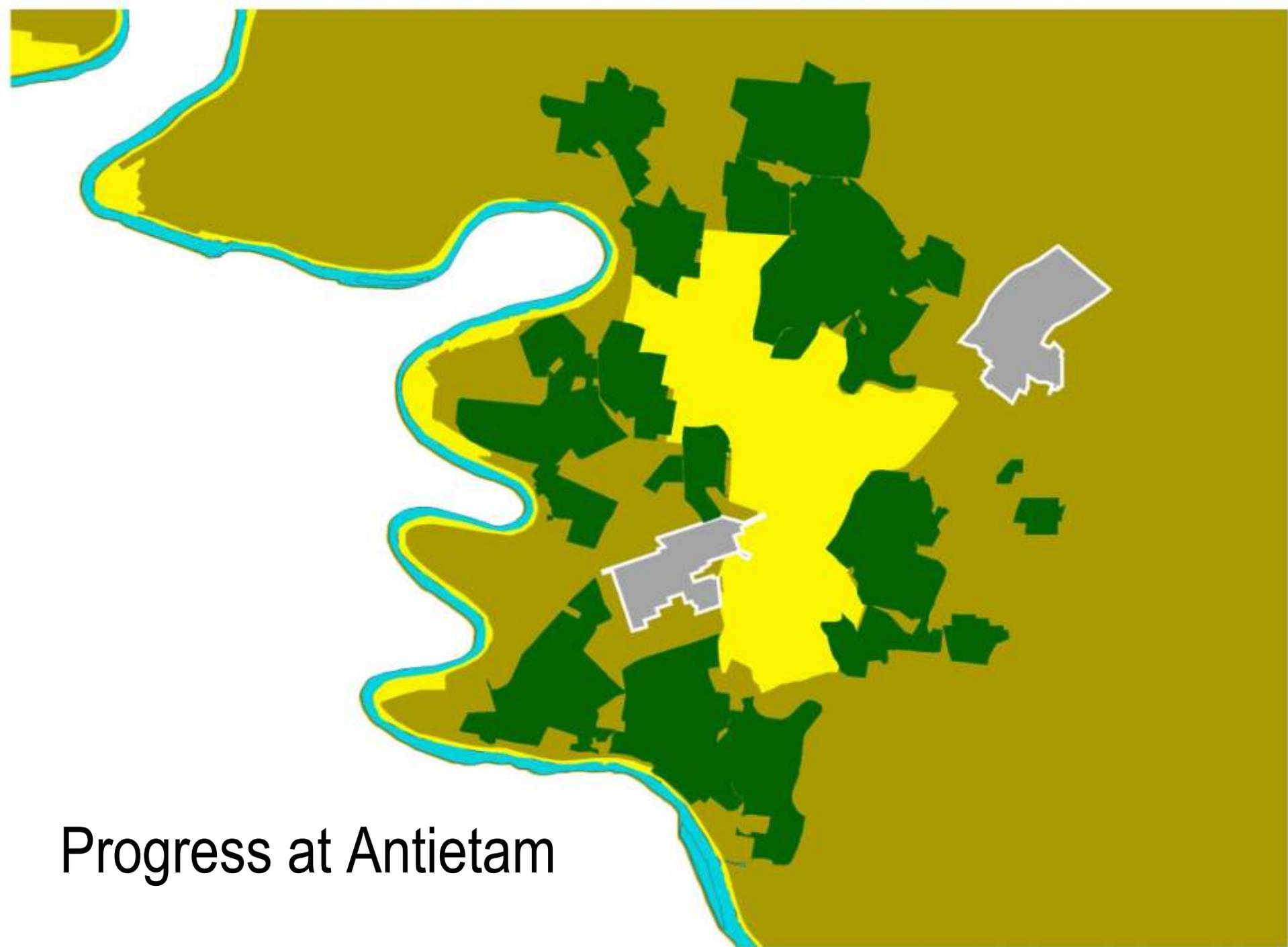


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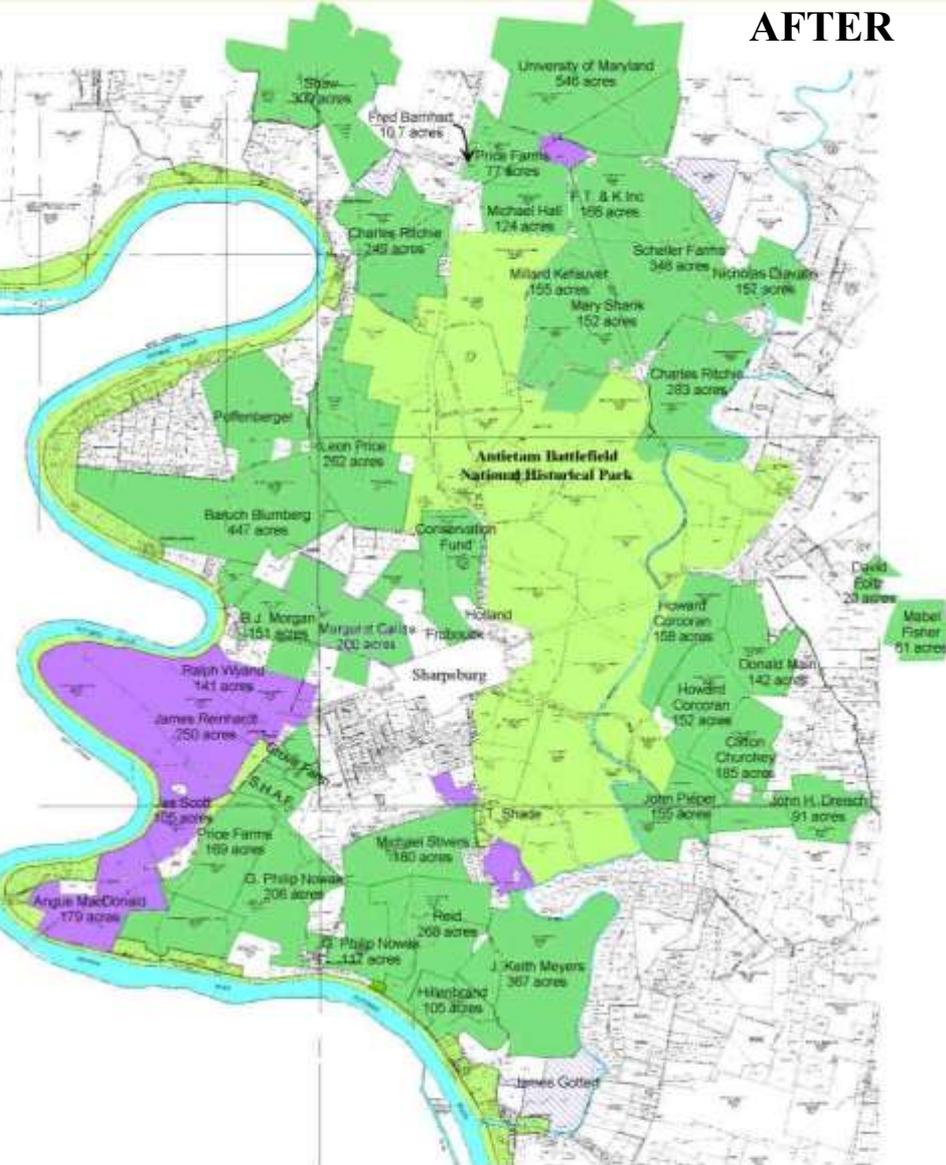
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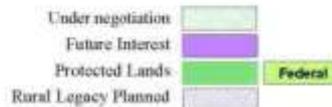


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ANTIETAM BATTLEFIELD

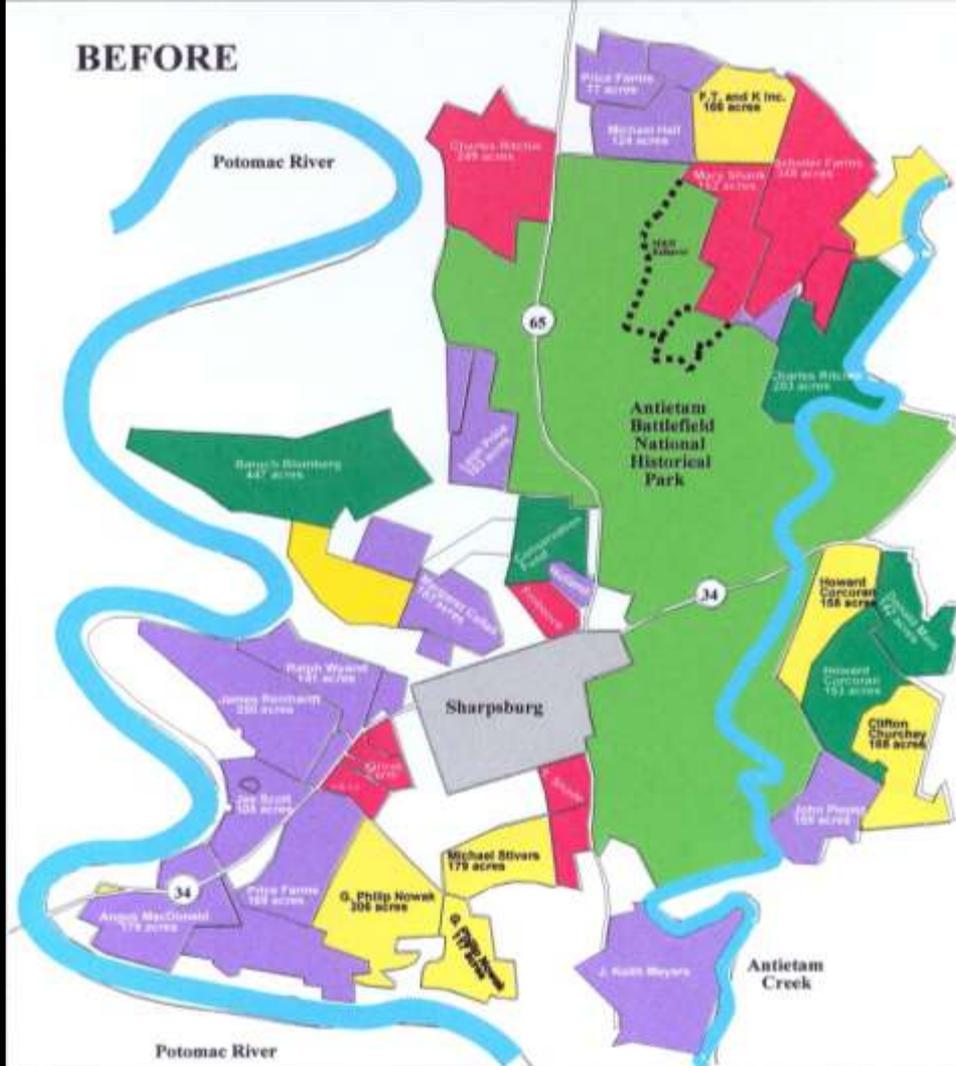
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 Legacy Board

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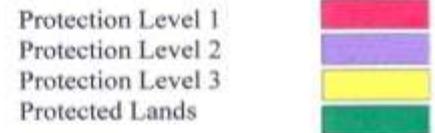
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BEFORE



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PROGRAM OPEN SPACE 1994

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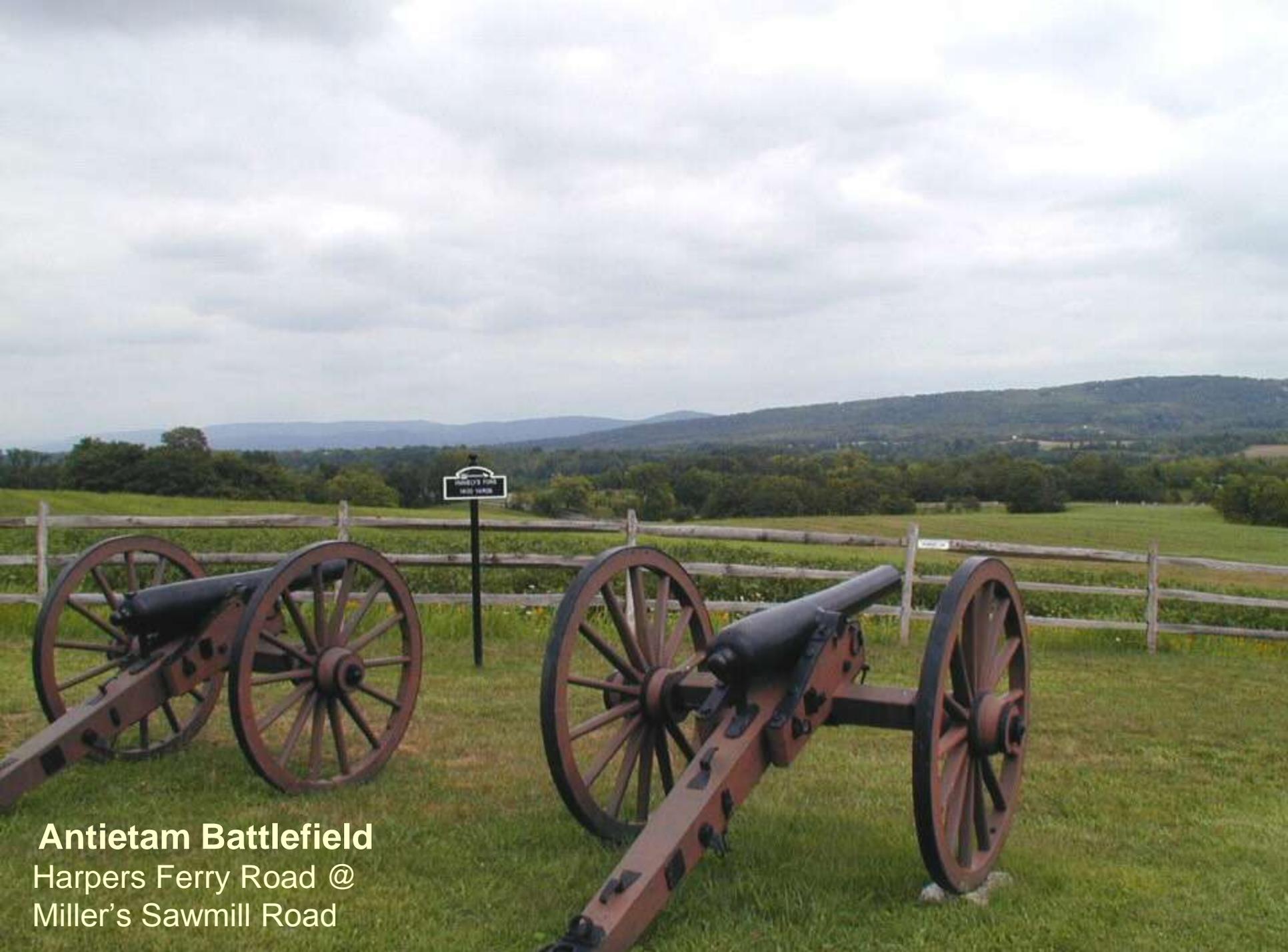
Antietam viewshed

A scenic view of the Scheller Farm on Keedysville Road. The foreground shows a paved road leading towards a stone house with a white roof. To the left, a red barn is partially visible. In the middle ground, a large red house with a white roof and a small porch stands on a grassy slope. The background is filled with dense green trees under a cloudy sky.

Scheller Farm
Keedysville Road



Kefauver-Poffenberger Farm
Mansfield Road



Antietam Battlefield
Harpers Ferry Road @
Miller's Sawmill Road



The Rohrbach House - Before



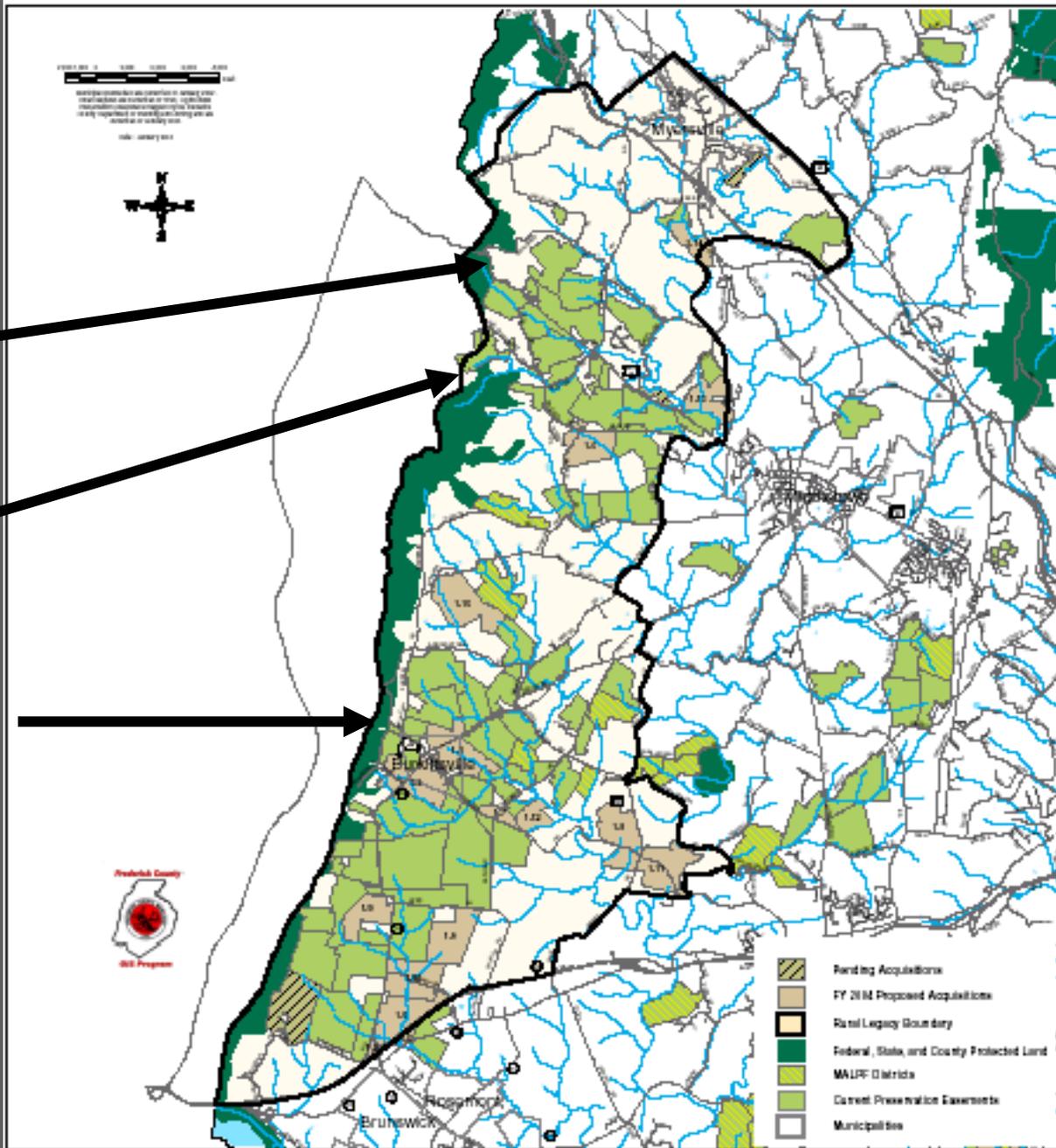
The Rohrbach House - Today

South Mountain Battlefields

Turner's Gap

Fox's Gap

Crampton's Gap



Frederick/ Mid - Maryland Rural Legacy Area
Frederick County, Maryland

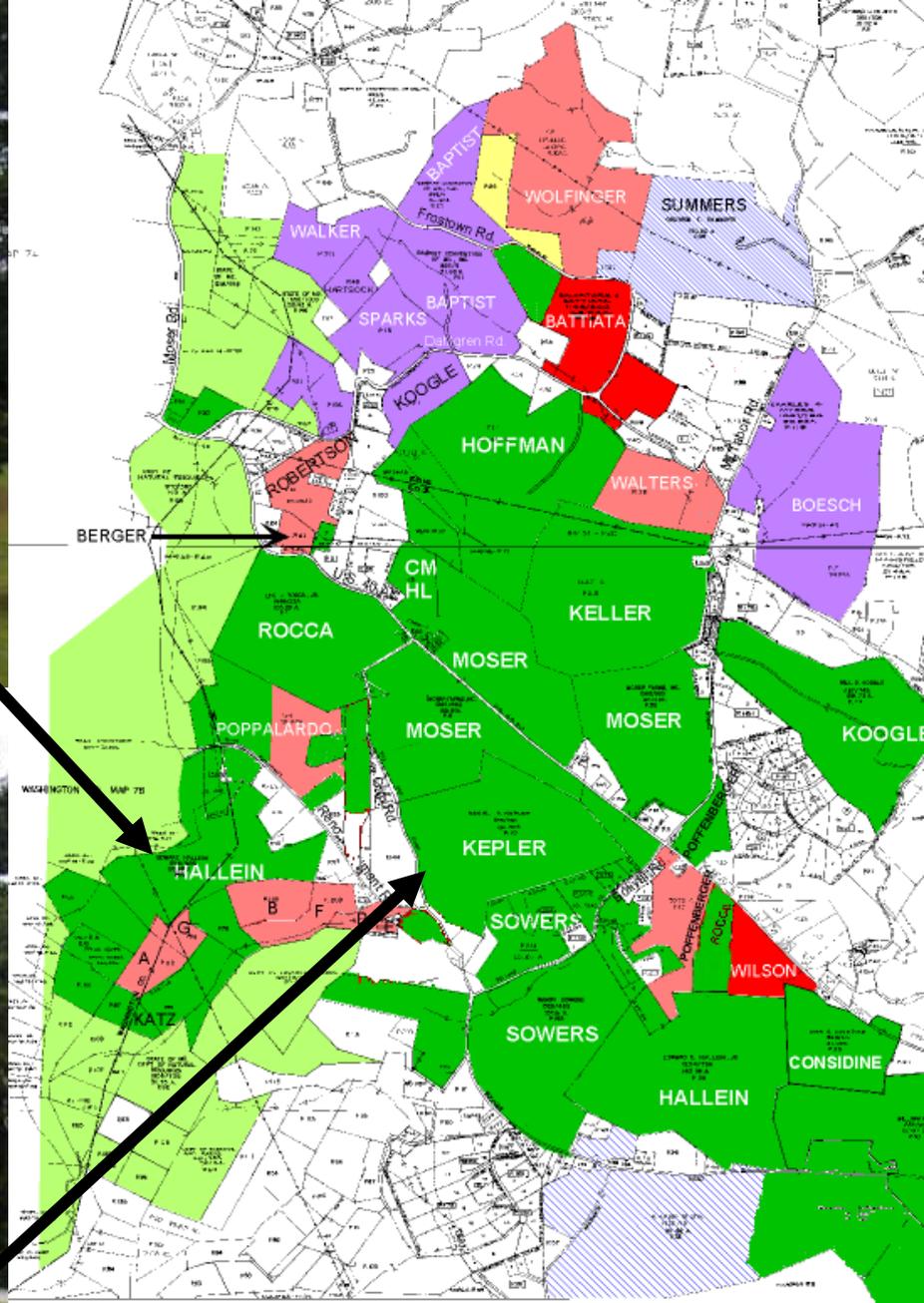
Fox's & Turner's Gaps



Hallein Farm



Kepler Farm



PROTECTION PROGRAM
SOUTH MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD

South Mountain Fox's Gap

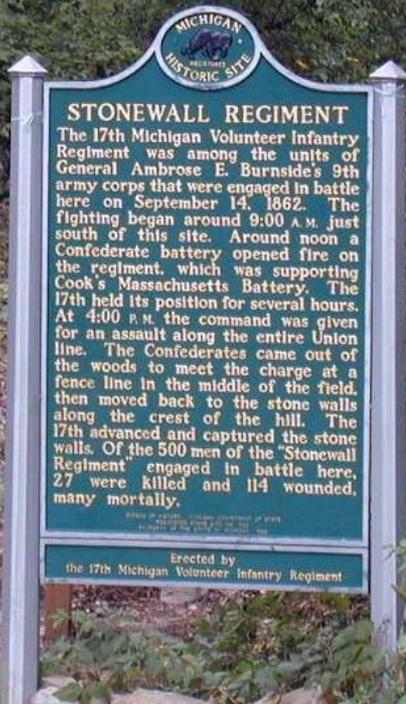
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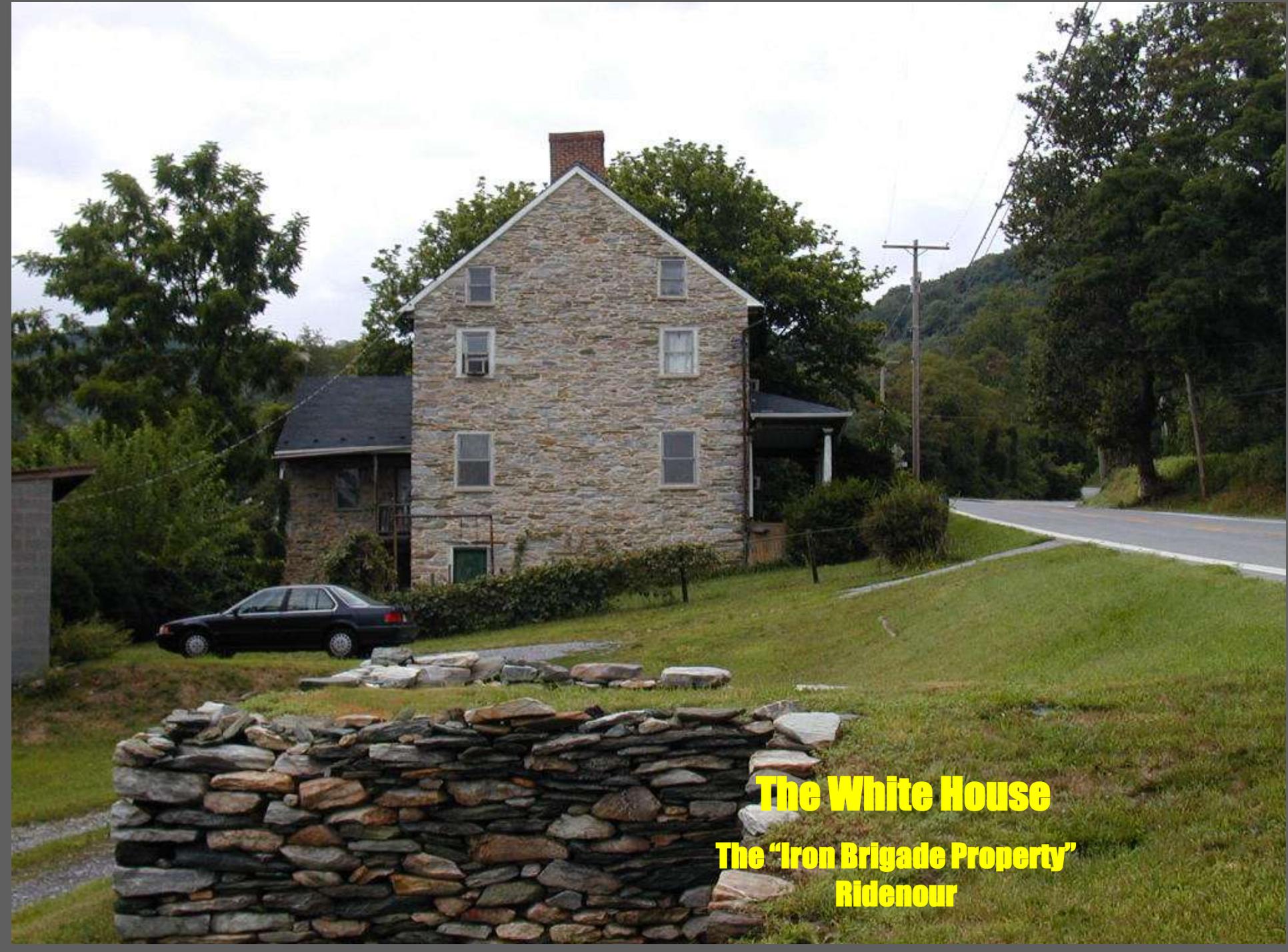
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1992

17th Michigan
marker

Reno Monument

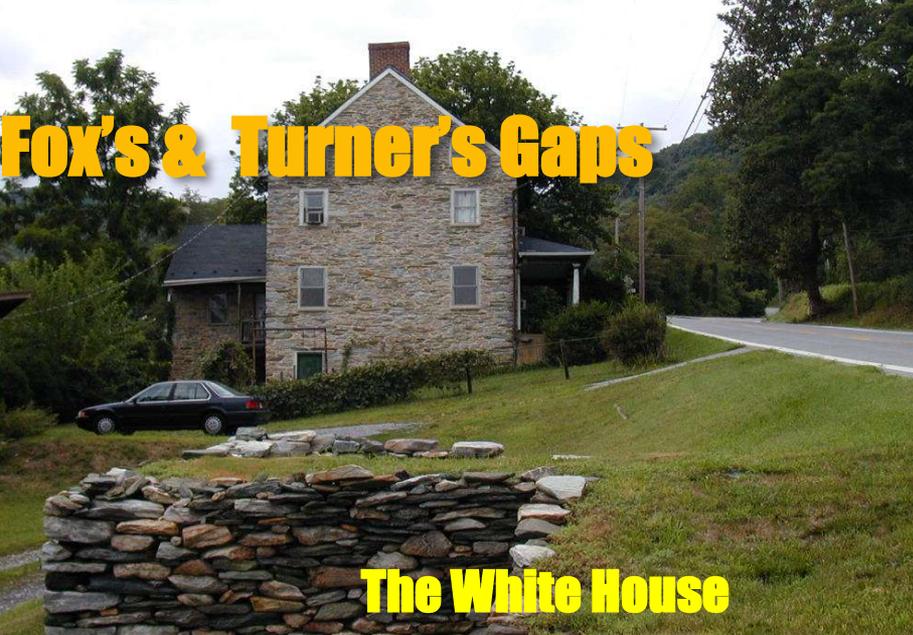
Garland marker





The White House
The "Iron Brigade Property"
Ridenour

Fox's & Turner's Gaps



BATTLE OF SOUTH MOUNTAIN, MD., SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th, 1862 — THE CONFEDERATES DRIVEN FROM THE PASS. — VIEW FROM THE NATIONAL ROAD.

FROM A SKETCH BY F. H. SCHILL

Foxes and Turners gaps

Protected lands



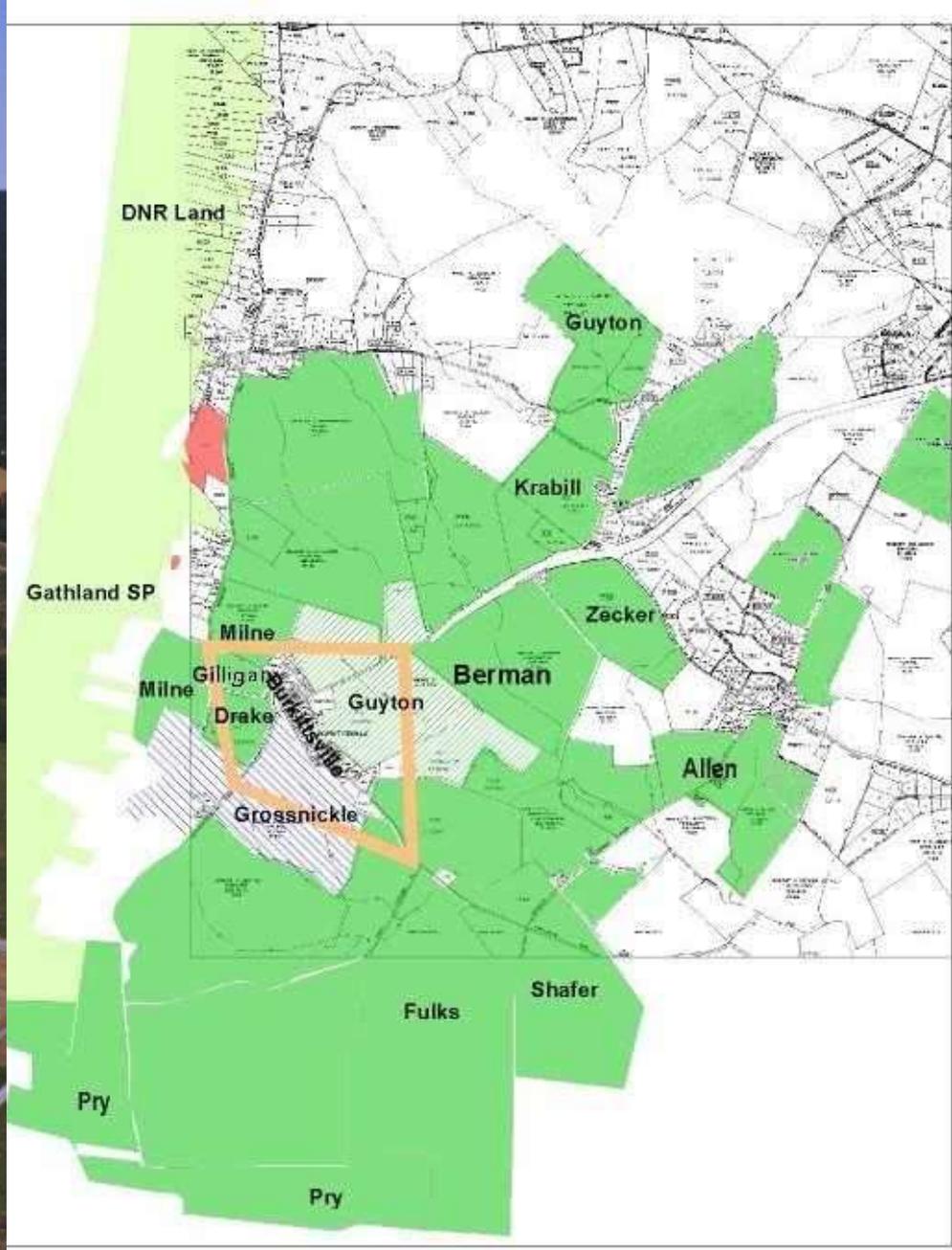
Crampton's Gap – Gathland State Park

Settled by War Correspondent
/ Writer George Alfred
Townsend a.k.a. "Gath"
South Mountain Civil War
Battlefield Visitor's Center



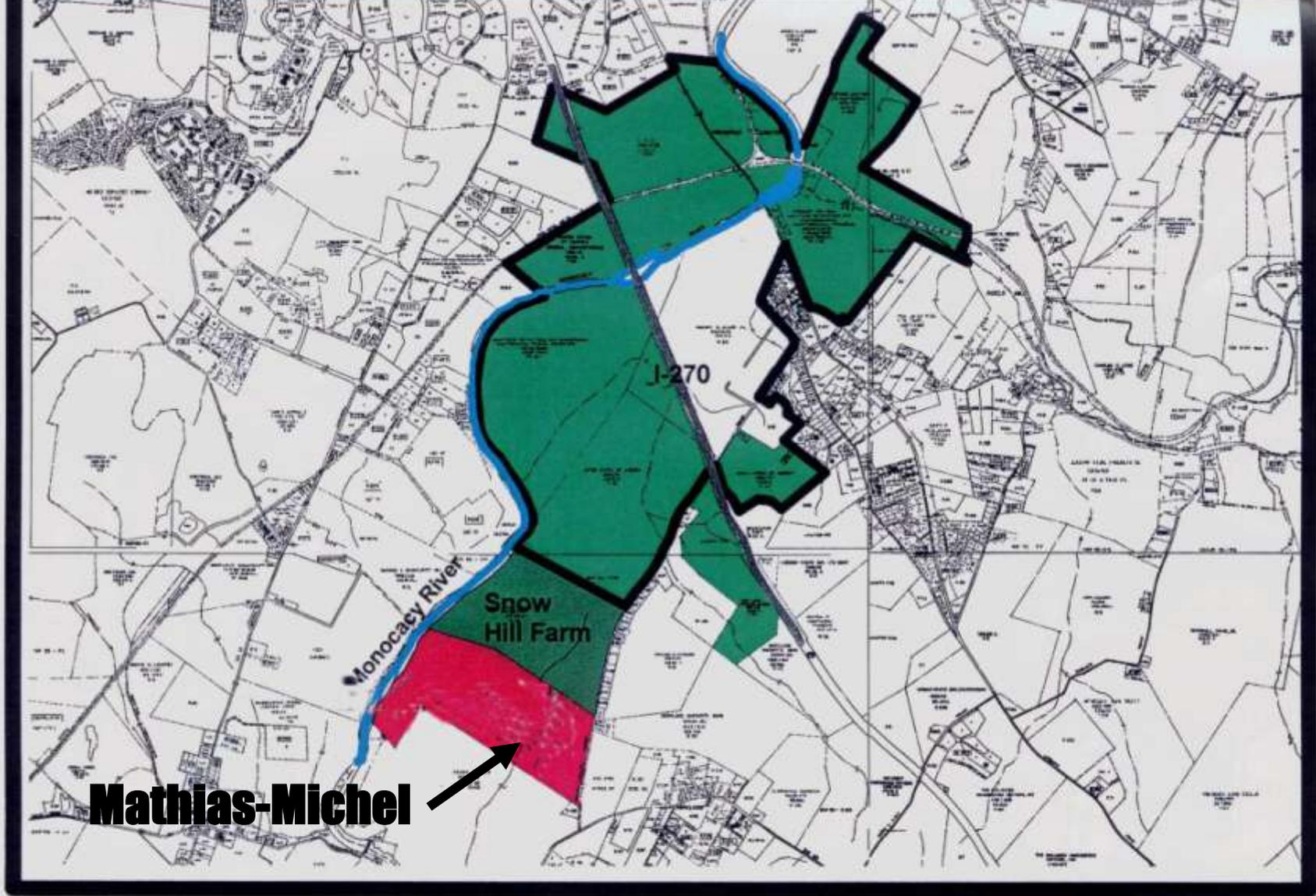
Crampton's Gap – Burkittsville





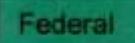
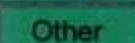
PROTECTION PROGRAM
BURKITTSVILLE - CRAMPTON'S GAP





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-  Federal
 -  Other
 -  Protection Priority One
 -  NPS Boundary
- Protected Lands
- Protection Priority One
- NPS Boundary

Monocacy Battlefield

Accomplishments

Antietam

61 properties	\$20,725,587	8,769 acres
MDOT&POS	\$ 8,425,587	3,504 acres
Rural Legacy	\$ 10,900,000	3,901 acres
MALPF	\$ 1,300,000	1,324 acres
MET & private	\$ 100,000	194 acres

South Mountain

54 properties **\$16,512,346** **6,100 acres**

Monocacy

3 properties **\$2,741,516** **434 acres**

TOTAL:

118 properties **\$39,979,449** **15,303 acres**

Not included: 8,445 acres of State, Federal & land trust acquisitions in park boundaries

What have we learned?

Leverage Multiple Fund Sources

- **Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF)**
- **MET Land Trust Grant Fund**
- **Program Open Space (POS)**
- **Transportation Enhancement Program (ISTEA/TEA21)**
- **Rural Legacy Program (RLP)**
- **American Battlefield Protection Program of the National Park Service (ABPP)**
- **The Conservation Fund**
- **Civil War Preservation Trust**

What have we learned?

- Political leadership and support is key
- Steady and predictable fund sources are needed
- Target all available funds and programs
- Work with local leaders or they will work against you

What have we learned?

State investments in Civil War site preservation will pay dividends in tourism revenue and improve local land use.

“Save it and they will come”

- *South Mountain Civil War Battlefield* designated by State
- *Journey through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area*
- *Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area* established by MHT
- *Maryland Civil War Trails* established



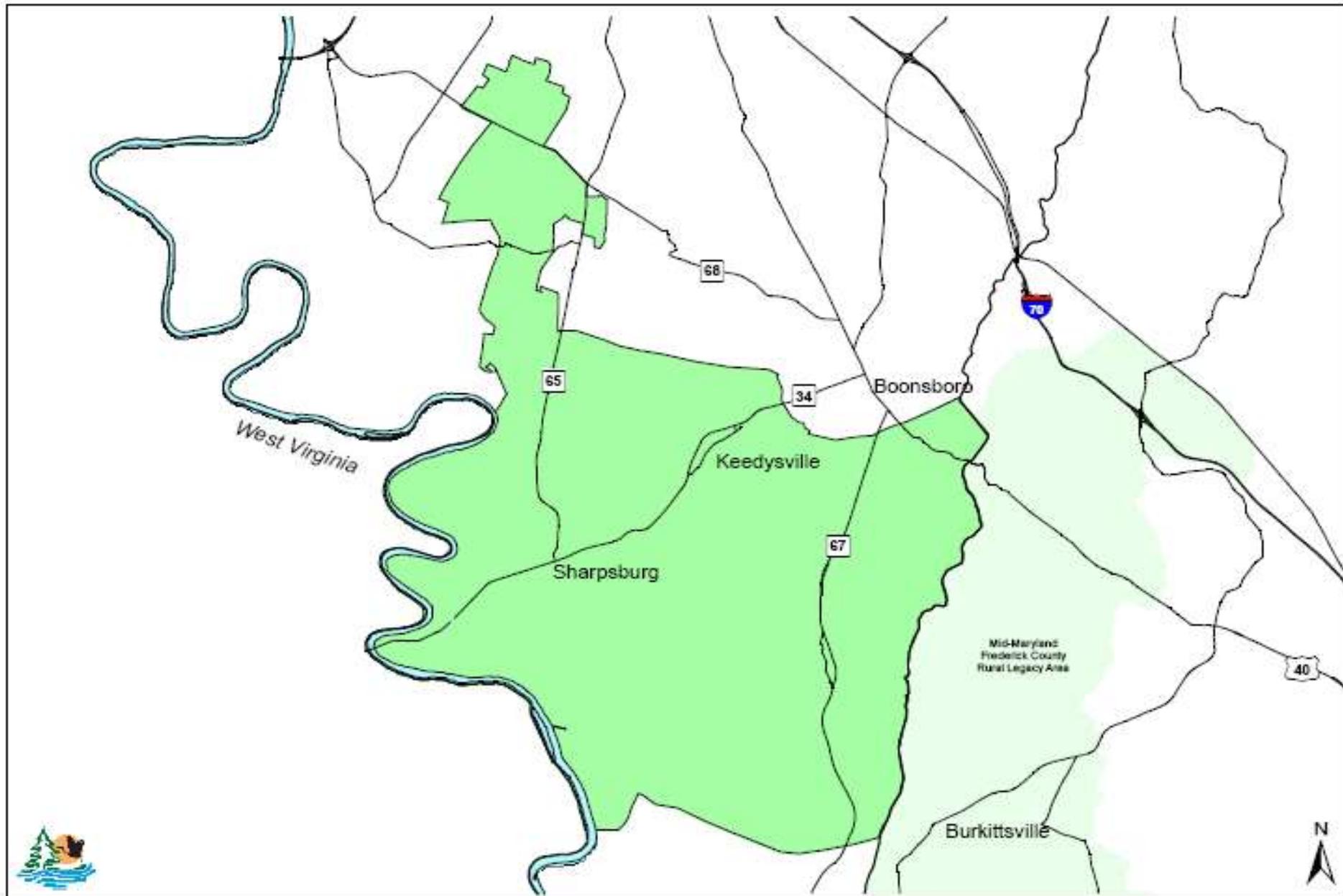


What have we learned?

Success of POS/MDOT/MET Civil War site preservation was model for Rural Legacy Program in 1997

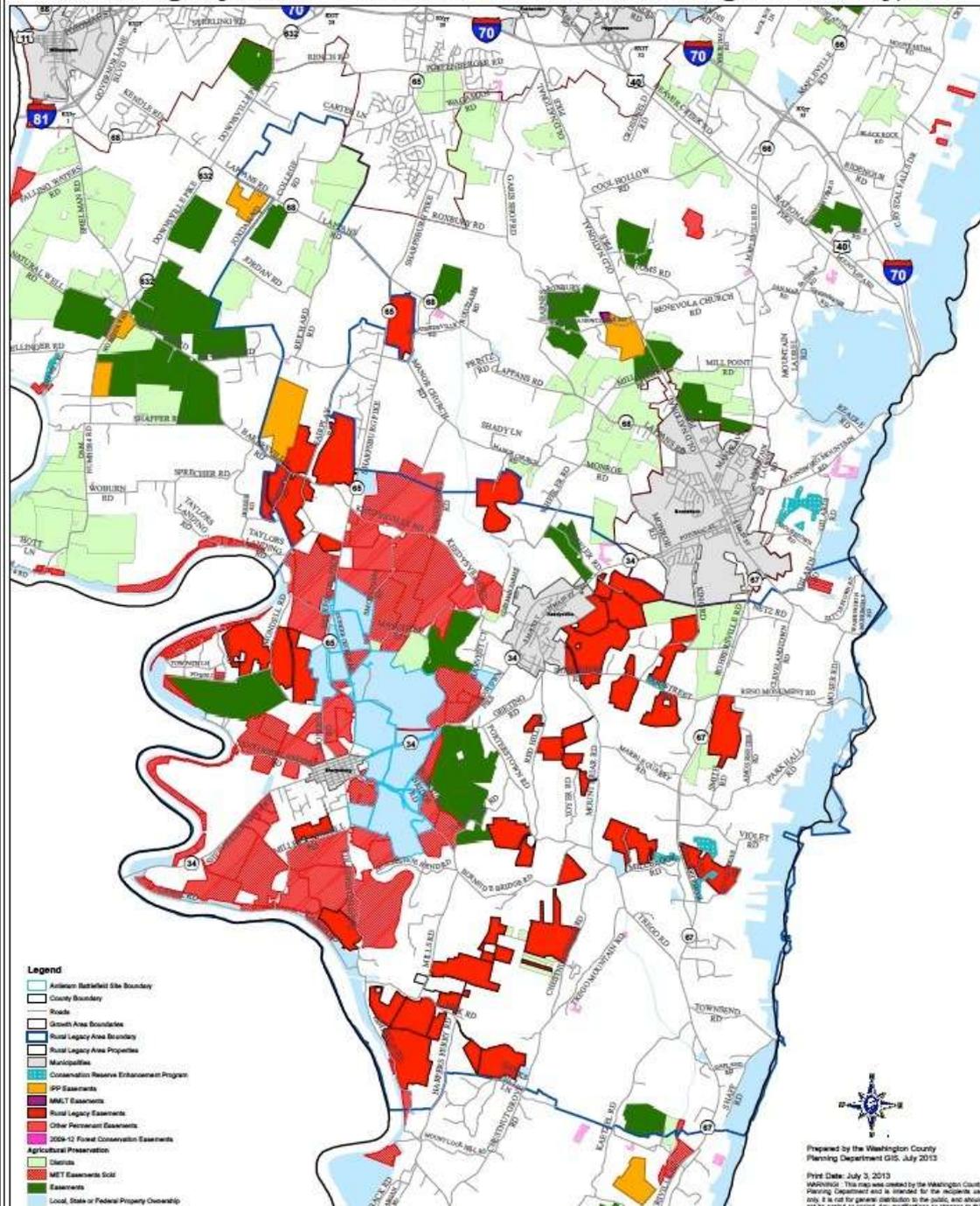
- Targeted multiple-resources for preservation around protected Civil War sites & expanded contiguous land preservation
- Multi-agency State & Local land preservation strategy from “bottom-up”
- Mid-Maryland Washington Rural Legacy Area around Antietam designated
- Mid-Maryland Frederick Rural Legacy Area around South Mountain designated

Mid-Maryland Washington County Rural Legacy Area



Rural Legacy Area - Protected Lands in Washington County, MD

**Latest status 2013
Rural Legacy Area**

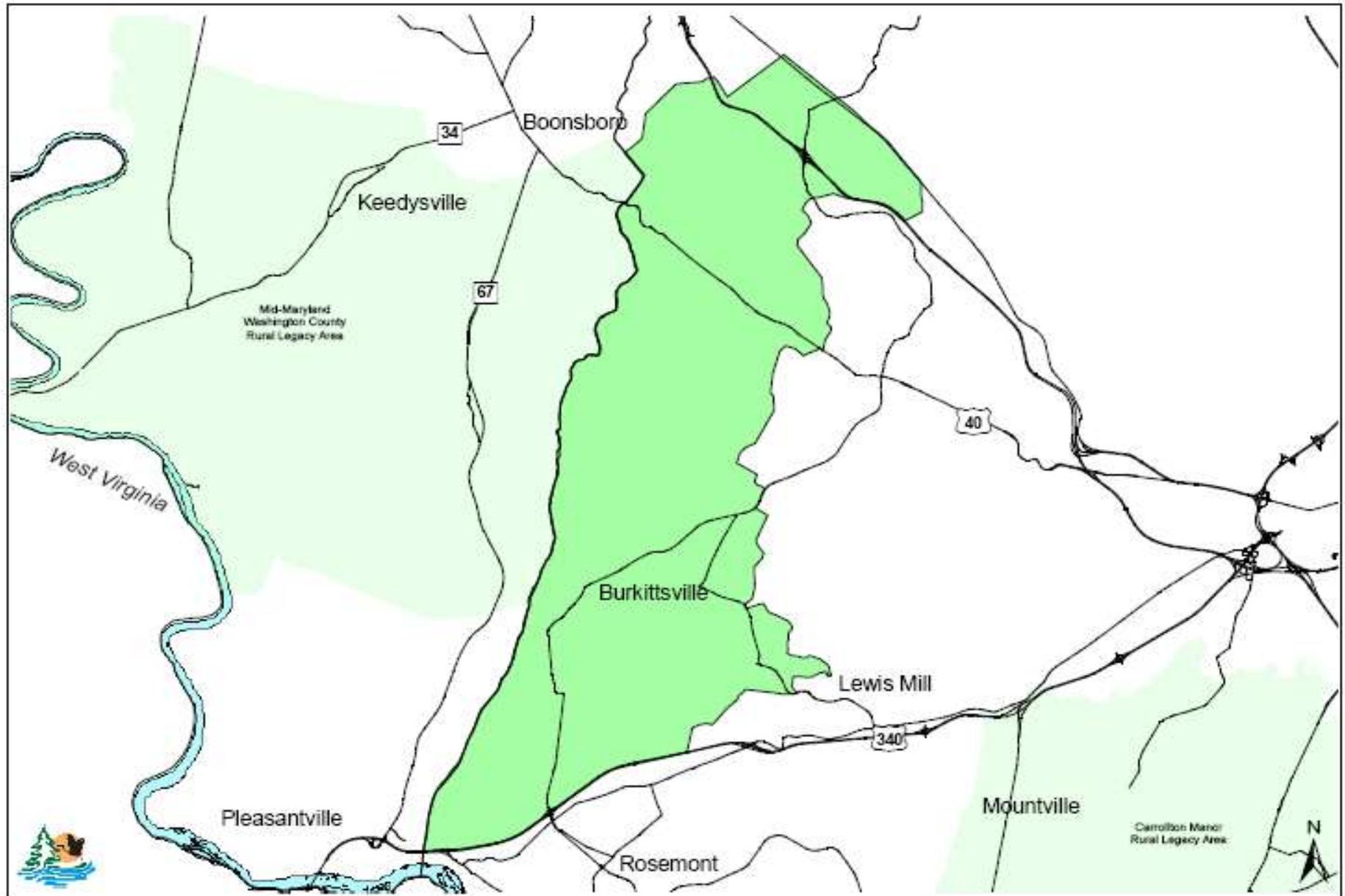


- Legend**
- Antietam Battlefield Site Boundary
 - County Boundary
 - Roads
 - Growth Area Boundaries
 - Rural Legacy Area Boundary
 - Rural Legacy Area Properties
 - Municipalities
 - Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
 - IPP Assessments
 - MMLT Assessments
 - Rural Legacy Assessments
 - Other Permanent Assessments
 - 2009-12 Forest Conservation Assessments
 - Agricultural Preservation
 - Districts
 - MET Assessments Soil
 - Assessments
 - Local, State or Federal Property Ownership



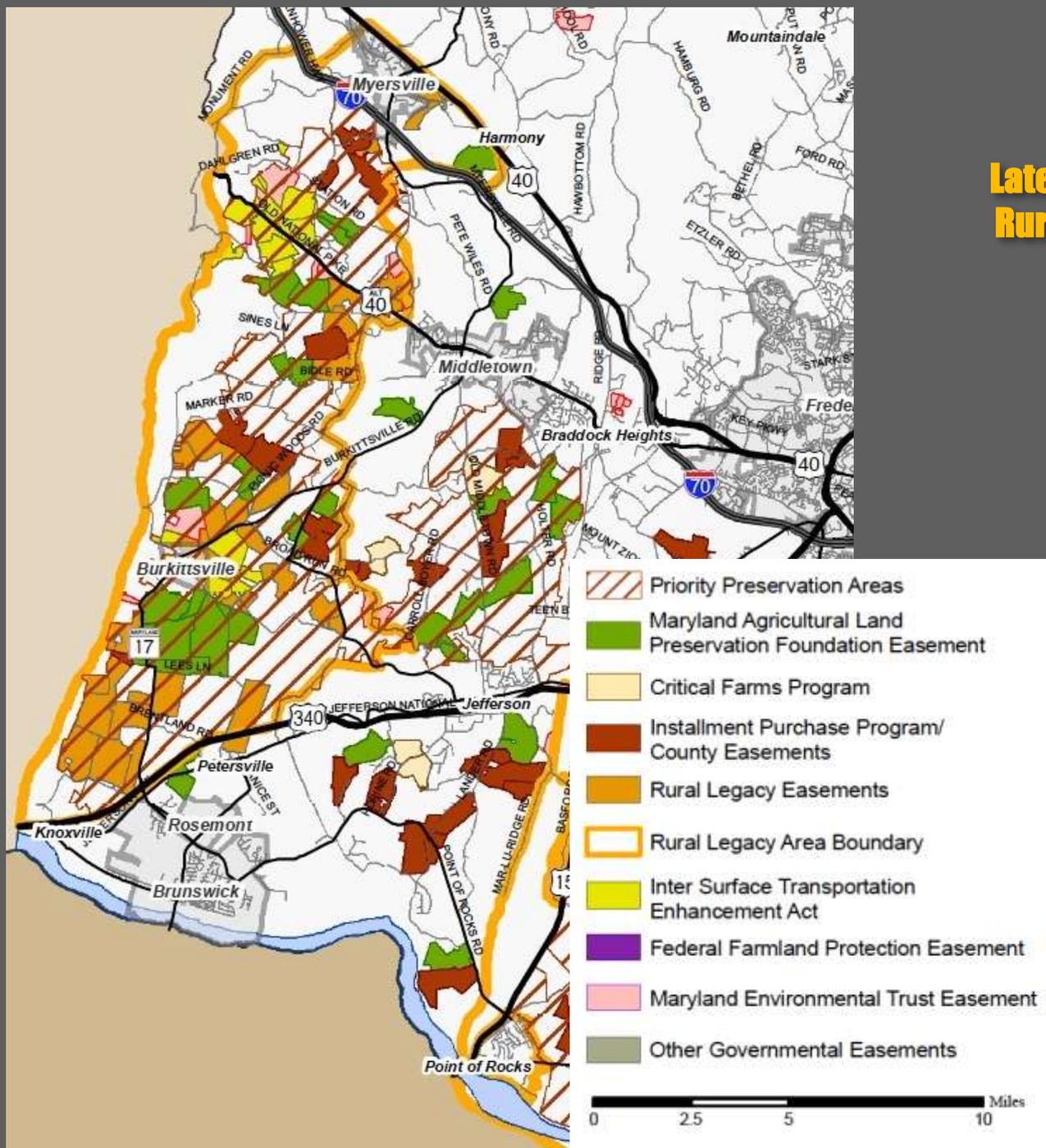
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Mid-Maryland Frederick County Rural Legacy Area



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