

To: Board of County Commissioners  
From: Program Open Space Summer Study Committee  
Subject: Policy Recommendation: Program Open Space Funds

Program Open Space is a state administered grant program for acquisition and development of park lands. POS funds allocated to Frederick County by the state must be used in the following manner - 50% must be used for acquisition (with up to 100% state funding) and 50% may be used for acquisition and/or development (with up to 75% state funding). Limited funds are also available through the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and may be used locally for acquisition and/or development.

These combined funding sources have produced an annual average revenue of \$367,000 over the life of the program. It is anticipated revenues through 1990 will average slightly lower.

Funds from the beginning of Program Open Space in 1970 have been allocated locally as follows:

Municipalities      \$3,602,290 or 65.4%

County                \$1,904,262 or 34.6%

Current population of the municipalities is 38.3% of the total county population.

It is the recommendation of this committee that the Board of County Commissioners establish the following policy.

Future Program Open Space acquisition allocations to Frederick County shall be apportioned between the municipalities and County on the basis of the municipal and unincorporated percentages of the total county population and development funds shall be distributed in the same manner. Land and Water Conservation Fund monies shall be apportioned on the same basis.

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Funds not planned for use by the municipalities in a given year, as shown by the Annual Program required by the State, shall be utilized by the County. Likewise, funds not required by the County shall be available to the municipalities. Annual population figures used for apportionment shall be those maintained by the Frederick County Planning Commission.

The Council of Governments shall determine distribution of apportioned funds among the municipalities.