

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
Bureau of Land Management
and
State of Maryland, Department of Natural Resources
and
Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland
and
The Conservation Fund

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Introduction

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Eastern States; the State of Maryland, Department of Natural Resources (DNR); the Commissioners of Charles County, Maryland (Charles County); and The Conservation Fund establishes a framework for cooperation to facilitate acquisition of an area along the Potomac River in the State of Maryland known as Douglas Point for the enjoyment of future generations.

Background

Douglas Point contains approximately 9 miles of unspoiled coastline along the Potomac River. Existing along this coastline is a major tributary to the Chesapeake Bay, Mattawoman Creek, a renowned Heritage Area at Mallow's Bay, and the historic Port Tobacco River. This area, consisting primarily of wetlands and forest, is recognized as one of the most outstanding ecologically valuable areas in the Chesapeake Bay region, and has great potential as a heritage tourism destination. This natural coastline provides critical habitat for migratory waterfowl in the mid-Atlantic states, as well as for nesting Bald Eagles, Great Blue Herons, and numerous other rare and endangered plant and animal species.

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to document the commitment to continuing cooperation among BLM, acting on behalf of the DOI; The Conservation Fund, DNR; and Charles County to establish a cooperative working partnership involving Douglas Point. All parties agree to develop a) a Land and Natural Resources Protection Initiative; b) a Planning Analysis Document; and c) an Interagency Management Plan for Douglas Point.