

A Constitutionally Protected Right to a Safe, Healthy Environment

Rights embedded in our founding documents - to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness - are threatened by a damaged environment. Development without consideration of human health is a danger to every Marylander's freedom to enjoy pure water, clean air, and healthy communities now and in the next generation.

A Healthy and Green Maryland Amendment explicitly protects your right to a healthy environment now and in the future by enshrining it in the state declaration of rights.

Why a Green Amendment?

In the face of an uncertain federal landscape, Maryland needs to take proactive steps to defend our right to a healthy environment. We have the chance to become the third state to adopt a Green Amendment to affirmatively protect our future including:

- rural and urban communities
- chemically sensitive children and seniors
- our economic future, wealth generation and home values.
- coastal wetlands and old growth forests.

**A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS THE STRONGEST PROTECTION
A STATE PROVIDES. MARYLAND MUST ACT NOW TO PROTECT ITS FUTURE.**

The bill proposes lasting protections for breathable air, drinkable water, and makes the state a fiduciary for equal access to a healthy environment for present and future generations of Marylanders. This bill supports:

- reaching the State mandated RPS
- human health and sustainability and clean, renewable jobs
- development of a road map for evaluating harms and advocating for solutions
- embedding the values of environmental justice and climate protection into the state's constitution