

Linking Science and Decision Making

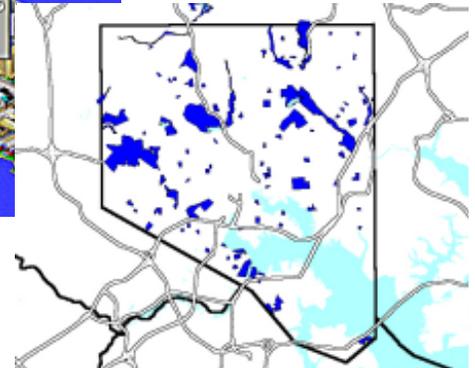
Community Update

WHY?

What good is urban research if the results aren't applied? Urban studies bring forth understanding of how the city works, and that information can foster better decision making. But information doesn't do much good unless it gets to the people who can use it - citizens and policy makers. BES works with Parks & People, using science to raise the quality of life in Baltimore and beyond.

HOW?

Through collaborations with a variety of organizations around the city, Parks & People links science to education, community activism, government, and more. We work closely with neighborhood planning agencies and watershed associations, as well as city, state, and county departments that make important management decisions regarding Baltimore's environment.



What does it mean for you?

Parks & People (P&P) uses forestry and education to improve neglected urban neighborhoods around the city. P&P works with with community organizations and government agencies, providing educational programs for youth and adults, and helping communities organize tree plantings, vacant lot restoration projects and neighborhood cleanups. P&P offers stewardship training, technical assistance and small grants to neighborhood groups and community organizations. With this assistance, communities transform vacant lots into gardens and parks, city stream water flows cleaner and clearer, and children and adults gain the capacity and motivation to improve their communities.

BES works with P&P, by providing scientific information from our research, as well as contributing to educational programming through internship opportunities, adult courses, and scientists's work with school children.

You can get involved by working with scientists in BES to further our research efforts, or by contacting P&P to work with local organizations to clean up city places. Baltimore can be a city of dreams - a clean, vibrant, healthy place to live and work. You can help revitalize urban Baltimore's environment.

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