

## Charles County's Rural Legacy Area

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### Zekiah Swamp Run

- ➔ **Watershed includes almost 70,000 acres**
- ➔ **Extensive hardwood swamp forest**
- ➔ **Several threatened or endangered species**
- ➔ **Many cultural and historical resources**
- ➔ **Headwaters of the Wicomico River**

## Rural Legacy Conservation Easements

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### Property Acquisition or Easement Acquisition

- Landowner expresses written interest in pursuing the program
- Staff reviews property owners plans for the property
- Conservation Easement document is drafted and owner accepted
- Two independent appraisals are ordered
- Appraisals must be within 20% of each other
- Highest of the two appraisals is offered in a contract