

# Maryland Amphibian & Reptile Atlas

 **Howard County**  
RECREATION & PARKS



The **Maryland Amphibian and Reptile Atlas** (MARA) is a five-year, joint project of the Natural History Society of Maryland and Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

We need **YOUR** help!

Volunteers are needed to document the statewide distribution of Maryland's amphibians and reptiles.



**Submit any amphibian & reptile photos**

**(snakes, lizards, turtles, frogs, toads and salamanders) to:**

Sue Muller, Howard County MARA Coordinator, [smuller@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:smuller@howardcountymd.gov).

If you see a turtle in your yard or a snake in a park, snap a photo, write down the location and email it to Sue. All observations - including turtle shells, snake skins, road kills and frog calls are accepted. For more information regarding the Atlas: [www.howardbirds.org/herpatlas/index-MARA.htm](http://www.howardbirds.org/herpatlas/index-MARA.htm).



The goal of the MARA project is to document the current distributions of Maryland's amphibian and reptile species using a systematic and repeatable approach. The Atlas will establish a baseline for future efforts to determine changes in the distribution of amphibians and reptiles in Maryland. The information gained through your volunteer effort will be used to promote the conservation and protection of Maryland's 90+ species of frogs, toads, turtles, lizards, snakes and salamanders. Understanding the current distribution patterns of amphibians and reptiles within the state is needed to create effective conservation strategies.