

ELROI-*mdlandrec.net* Image Acquisition: July 1, 2005 - July 1, 2008

Status of Known Outstanding Image Acquisition as of October 1, 2007

	Phase I: Initial Land Record and Index Scanning ¹				Estimated Outstanding Imaging ²			Phase II: Estimated Replacement Imaging ³
	Image Availability Date	estimated Total Images	Images online as of 10/1/2007	% Completed	images from paper	images from film	total outstanding imaging	
Allegany	November 2006	1,864,857	1,864,857	100%	0	0	0	0
Anne Arundel	September 2006	16,023,918	16,023,918	100%	0	0	0	0
Baltimore City	October 2007	22,815,781	22,815,381	99%	400	0	400	32,645
Baltimore	October 2007	20,787,821	20,781,471	99%	6,350	0	6,350	1,980,099
Calvert	October 2006	2,540,910	2,540,910	100%	0	0	0	0
Caroline	July 2006	852,256	852,256	100%	0	0	0	0
Carroll	October 2006	4,559,745	4,559,745	100%	0	0	0	0
Cecil	November 2006	2,544,428	2,544,428	100%	0	0	0	181,312
Charles	September 2006	4,143,006	4,143,006	100%	0	0	0	0
Dorchester	July 2006	1,067,453	1,067,453	100%	0	0	0	0
Frederick	October 2006	6,421,860	6,421,860	100%	0	0	0	830,020
Garrett	February 2005	1,047,486	1,047,486	100%	0	0	0	0
Harford	November 2006	6,265,164	6,265,164	100%	0	0	0	691,299
Howard	February 2005	7,887,919	7,887,919	100%	0	0	0	0
Kent	September 2006	668,937	668,937	100%	0	0	0	0
Montgomery	February 2007	27,804,384	27,804,384	100%	0	0	0	3,007,072
Prince George's	January 2007	22,404,680	22,404,680	100%	0	0	0	0
Queen Anne's	August 2006	1,594,673	1,594,673	100%	0	0	0	0
St. Mary's	October 2006	2,367,303	2,367,303	100%	0	0	0	318,089
Somerset	February 2006	654,502	654,502	100%	0	0	0	8,385
Talbot	August 2006	1,303,879	1,303,879	100%	0	0	0	132,986
Washington	November 2006	3,039,224	3,039,224	100%	0	0	0	197,341
Wicomico	July 2005	2,185,250	2,185,250	100%	0	0	0	316,534
Worcester	August 2006	3,387,321	3,387,321	100%	0	0	0	445,369
Total		164,232,757	164,226,007	99%	6,750	0	6,750	8,141,151

Images yet to be recorded by clerks and transferred to the Archives October 1, 2007 through July 1, 2008.	8,100,000
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Grand Total of images to be placed on <i>mdlandrec.net</i> by July 1, 2008	172,332,757
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Notes

1. Phase I: Initial Land Record and Index Scanning

The initial set of images is obtained from the archival master negative microfilm produced by the clerks since the 1950s. The quality and completeness of this film varies greatly from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. In many cases, the images initially acquired from archival microfilm will have to be replaced with images later derived from hard copy land records and indices. For example, in Garrett County all initial scanning from archival microfilm has been completed. We know, however, that many of these images derived from microfilm are of poor quality, and we have assured the clerk that these poor images will be replaced with higher quality images derived from the paper originals transferred to the custody of the Archives. It also should be remembered that not all filmed land records have a paper version, and that many "original" paper land records are themselves sometimes derived from poor quality microfilm.

Note also that additional index scanning has become necessary in every jurisdiction due to concerns about the completeness and accuracy of the COTT data encompassed in the JIS mainframe. In response to known defects in this regard, and as a precaution against as yet undiscovered problems, the Archives is scanning all available hard copy land record indexes through 1992, the year the CAIS system was introduced.

2. Estimated Outstanding Imaging

This scanning must be finished to complete initial land record and index scanning. 100% completion means that all initial land record and index scanning is finished and images are available online in *mdlandrec.net*.

3. Phase II: Estimated Replacement Imaging

These numbers reflect the results of ongoing appraisal and image inspection that identifies poor quality or incomplete images. In most cases, when such images are to be replaced, the Archives will obtain new images from an alternative source. This is from a paper volume when such is available. In some cases, particularly in the larger jurisdictions that switched to a film-based recordation process in the late 1960s or early 1970s, there usually is no "book" to which we can go for replacement images. In these instances, it may be possible to obtain a better image from the archival microfilm, or to enhance the quality of existing images with specialized software. In general, this scanning will not begin until the initial installations for all counties have been completed.

4. Images yet to be recorded by clerks and transferred to the Archives October 1, 2007 through July 1, 2008

All electronic land record images received by the Archives undergo extensive quality control procedures prior to placement on *mdlandrec.net*. The Archives provides quality control reports to the appropriate clerk of court concerning poor quality images received for that jurisdiction on a weekly basis.