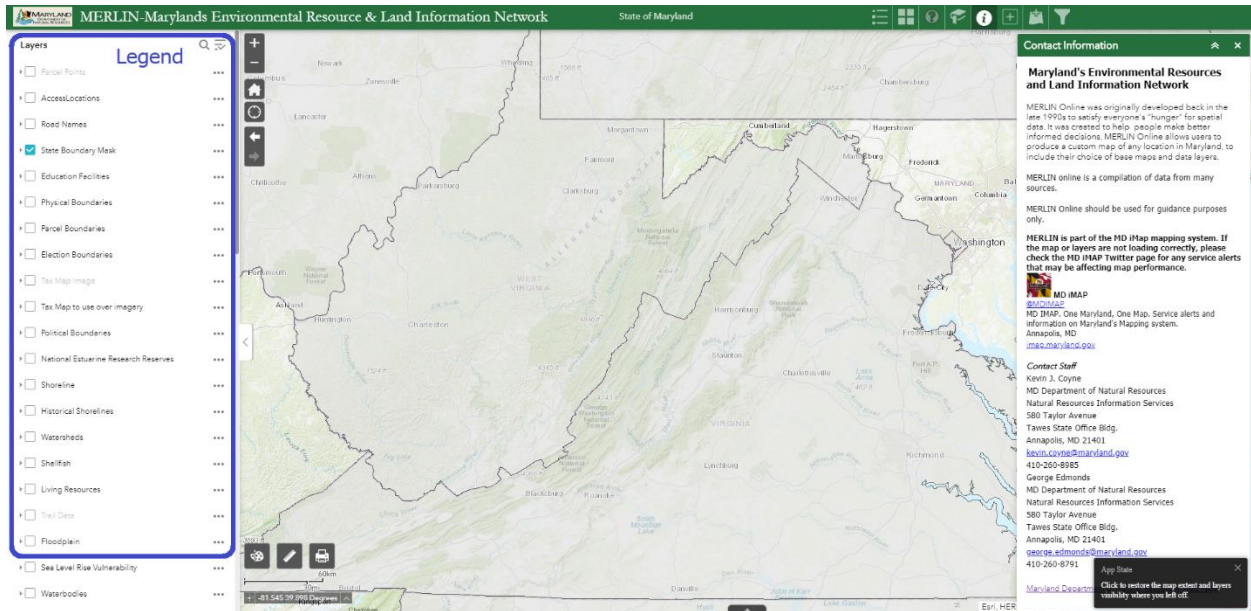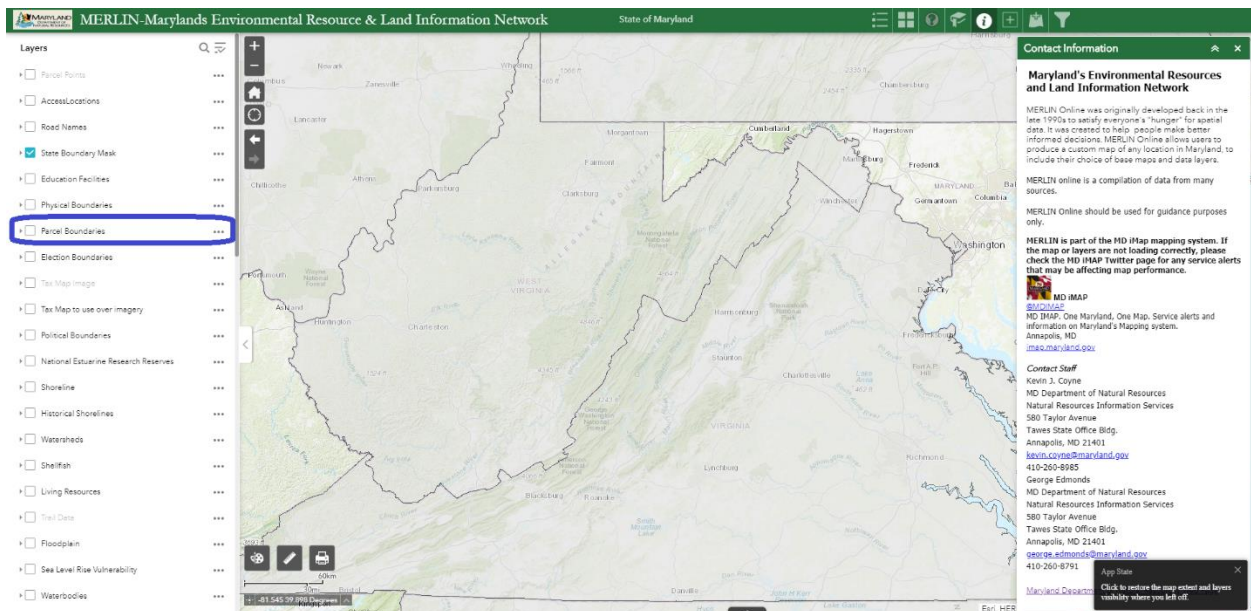Maryland & DC Breeding Bird Atlas 3

Guide to using Maryland's Environmental Resource & Land Information Network (MERLIN) to access landowner information

Open MERLIN Online in your web browser (click the blue hyperlink). The layer list will be on the left side of the screen. (If the layer list is not there, click on the 'Layers' icon in the upper green bar.)
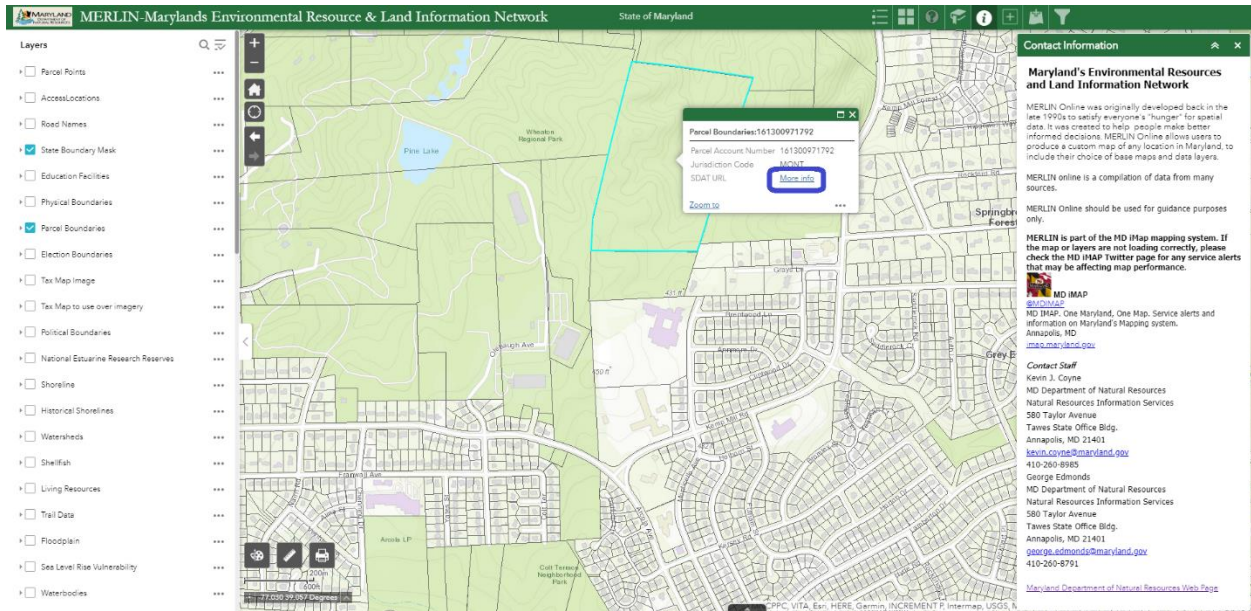

Click the box beside 'Parcel Boundaries'.

Zoom in closer to the area you are interested in using the plus and minus symbols in the top left of the screen or the wheel on your mouse. Click and drag the map to re-center it.

Click on the parcel you are interested in. A tab will open. In the tab, click on 'More info'.

A new browser tab will open; near the top of this page you will see landowner information listed as 'Owner Name', 'Mailing address', and 'Premises Address'.

Other Uses and Information:

You can also change the basemap to imagery or another map that shows roads more clearly by clicking on the 'Basemap Gallery' icon (looks like a grid) in the green bar at the top. Among the basemap options included are some that show the topography of the landscape, which is most useful in western Maryland. You can use this to target some species that prefer hemlock forests within cooler ravines, for example.

Other useful layers include Protected Lands and Trail Data. Clicking on the small triangle next to the layer box can 'open' the group of layers. Each one can be individually turned off depending on your interests.