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Everyday Enclaves: Lake Roland Park ranked top public space Marylanders want to live near

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TOWSON, MD — While granite countertops and open floor plans often dominate the real estate conversation, a new report finds that for Marylanders, the true luxury is what lies just outside the front door.

A survey of **3,013 homebuyers** commissioned by the real estate platform **Calgary Homes** reveals that "Everyday Enclaves"—public spaces that blend seamlessly into daily routines—are the most significant influencers of neighborhood desirability. **Lake Roland Park** in Baltimore County claimed the #1 spot, followed by **Annapolis Waterworks Park** and the **Sligo Creek Trail** in Silver Spring.

Maryland's Top 3 "Lifestyle Markers"

The study examined how public spaces influence purchasing decisions, identifying the locations that make residents feel more connected and "calmer" in their daily lives.

1. Lake Roland Park (Baltimore County)

Located near the Falls Road Light Rail stop, Lake Roland Park was praised for its ability to "quietly reshape" daily life. The survey found that buyers view the park's 500 acres of trails and waterfront not as a destination for planned excursions, but as a dependable part of a weekly rhythm. Proximity to the park provides reassurance that green space is a constant, rather than an occasional luxury.

2. Annapolis Waterworks Park (Annapolis)

Just outside the city's historic core, Waterworks Park offers a "quiet reset" for those looking to avoid seasonal tourist crowds. Homebuyers in Annapolis cited the park's wooded paths and secluded lake overlooks as essential quality-of-life markers, signaling that living in the state capital can include routine calm alongside its bustling maritime activity.

3. Sligo Creek Trail (Silver Spring)

In the more urban environment of Silver Spring, the Sligo Creek Trail functions as "everyday infrastructure." The 10.2-mile paved trail allows neighbors to move between schools, parks,

and businesses without relying on a car. For buyers, the trail signifies walkability and balance, helping nearby homes feel more integrated into the larger community.

The New “Location, Location, Location”

The report suggests a shift in how modern buyers define value. The emphasis has moved from “flashy destinations” toward functional, accessible spaces that support mental health and physical activity.

“Our research shows that the most influential public spaces aren’t flashy destinations but the everyday places that quietly support a good life,” said a spokesperson for Calgary Homes. “Buyers want to live near spaces they will actually use, not just admire.”

As part of the report, Calgary Homes released an **interactive map** exploring these underrated spaces across Maryland to help prospective buyers find their next “everyday enclave.”