

The Trust consists of fifteen trustees. Three serve ex officio. The remaining twelve trustees each year elect three of their own successors for four-year terms. The Trust selects the Director (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 3-201 through 3-211).

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The State Forest and Park Service originated in 1906 when John and Robert Garrett of Baltimore gave the State nearly 2,000 acres of land in the Swallow Falls area of Garrett County. The gift came with a proviso that a forestry service be established to protect woodlands and advance forestry. That same year, the Board of Forestry was created (Chapter 294, Acts of 1906). The Board was replaced by the Department of Forests and Parks in 1941 (Chapter 508, Acts of 1941). In 1969, the Department of Forests and Parks became part of the Department of Natural Resources (Chapter 154, Acts of 1969). The Department of Forests and Parks in 1972 divided into two units: the Park Service and the Forest Service (Chapter 348, Acts of 1972). These agencies were recombined in 1982 as the Forest and Park Service (Chapter 184, Acts of 1982). In 1984, the Forest and Park Service merged with the Wildlife Administration to form the Forest, Park and Wildlife Service (Chapter 136, Acts of 1984). The Department in 1991 separated the State Forest and Park Service from the Wildlife Program.

The State Forest and Park Service administers and manages Maryland's State forests, parks, scenic preserves, historic monuments, and natural environmental areas. While providing recreation sites, the Service preserves natural resources and ensures multiple uses and a sustained yield of forest resources. The Service also is responsible for the Maryland Conservation Corps (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 5-101 through 5-219).

The Service consists of fifty-three management projects. These include four State forests, ten multi-use parks, fourteen general recreation parks, seven waterfront parks, six natural environment areas, ten historic or scenic sites, one roadside picnic area, and three natural resource management areas.

Parks and recreational activity brochures are available at each park and upon request from the Service.

PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION

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The Park Advisory Commission was formed in 1972. By 1983, the Commission was merged with

the Forest Advisory Commission to form the Forest and Park Advisory Commission. The Commission was reformed again as the Park Advisory Commission in 1988 (Chapter 178, Acts of 1988). The Commission's nine members are appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Natural Resources.

MARYLAND CONSERVATION CORPS

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Authorized in 1982, the Maryland Conservation Corps was funded and began operation in 1984 (Chapter 297, Acts of 1982; Chapter 510, Acts of 1984). The Corps, formerly under the Tidewater Administration, was assigned to the Forest, Park and Wildlife Service in 1988. Since 1991, the Corps has been under the State Forest and Park Service.

The Corps provides Maryland youths, aged 14 to 21, with jobs that help develop and maintain the State's natural resources. Corps projects conserve or improve natural resources or enhance and preserve environmentally important lands and waters. During the summer of 1993, some 361 youths worked on projects throughout the State. Participants may be sponsored by private industry and must be physically fit and have the desire to work out-of-doors, possibly in remote locations. Through a federal grant in 1992, the Maryland Conservation Corps began a year-round program for participants, aged 17 to 25.

GREENWAYS & RESOURCE PLANNING

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Greenways and Resource Planning originated as Land Planning Services under the Capital Programs Administration and was reorganized under its present name in 1991. It provides planning, mapping, environmental review, and capital budget services to help the Department acquire, develop, and manage public lands and scenic rivers.

Under Greenways and Resource Planning are four sections: Resource Planning; Technical Services; Environmental Review; and Mapping and Property Research. Greenway and Resource Planning also provides technical support to the Maryland Greenways Commission.