

petuate the aesthetic, natural, scenic and cultural aspects of the Maryland environment (Chapter 648, Acts of 1967). The Trust also promotes appreciation of the environment and continued interest in its care.

The Trust seeks donations of conservation easements to the State on certain lands to preserve the land from development. By the end of 1995, the Trust had secured 347 conservation easements on 49,533 acres.

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

STATE FOREST & PARK SERVICE

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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 under supervision of the Board of Natural Resources 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 separated the State Forest and Park Service from the Wildlife Program in 1991.

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

The Service is responsible for seven State forests, some forty State parks, five demonstration forests, six natural environment areas, and nine natural resource management areas. The Service also oversees two State marinas. It operates Somers Cove Marina, home of the Annual Crab Derby in Crisfield. It monitors the contract for managing the

Fort Washington Marina at Piscataway Bay off the Potomac River in Prince George's County. Parks and recreational activity brochures are available at each park and from the Service.

Under the State Forest and Park Service is the Maryland Conservation Corps. Several advisory committees also aid the Service. Among these are the Scenic and Wild Rivers Review Board; Deep Creek Lake Advisory and Review Committee; Gunpowder Falls Local Advisory Board; and the Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden Advisory Board.

DEEP CREEK LAKE ADVISORY & REVIEW COMMITTEE

Edisel D. King, *Chair*

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The Committee advises the Secretary of Natural Resources on matters relating to Deep Creek Lake in Garrett County, particularly in regard to the Deep Creek Lake Recreation Maintenance and Management Fund and the Deep Creek Lake Management Program.

The Committee is composed of seven members. They include the member of the House of Delegates representing Garrett County (Legislative Dist. 1A); the president of the Deep Creek Lake Property Owners' Association or designee; the president of the Deep Creek Lake Business Association or designee; the chair of the Garrett County Board of County Commissioners or designee; and three persons appointed by the Garrett County Board of County Commissioners (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 5-216).

SCENIC & WILD RIVERS REVIEW BOARD

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The Scenic and Wild Rivers Review Board was created in 1968 (Chapter 85, Acts of 1968). The Board reviews all inventories, studies, plans, rules, and regulations concerning the Scenic and Wild Rivers Program. The Program includes the following rivers and their tributaries: the Anacostia; Deer Creek; Monocacy; Patuxent; Pocomoke; Potomac (in Montgomery and Frederick counties); Severn; Wicomico (in Charles County); and Youghiogheny. During review, the recommendations of the Secretary of Natural Resources, local governing bodies, and local advisory boards are considered. The Board recommends to the General Assembly resource management plans for rivers, shorelines, and related lands included in the Program, and recommends additional rivers and tributaries for the Program.

With the advice and consent of the local governing body, the Review Board appoints a local scenic and wild river advisory board for each river in the Scenic and Wild River Program.