

Article - Natural Resources

5-1203.

(a) In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the State, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is the policy of the General Assembly to secure for the people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of State wildlands. For this purpose there is established a State wildlands preservation system composed of areas in the State designated by the General Assembly as "wildland areas". The wildland areas shall be administered for the use and enjoyment of the people of Maryland in a manner that will leave them unimpaired for the future use and enjoyment as wildlands, to provide for their protection, preservation of their wildland character, and for gathering and dissemination of information regarding their use and enjoyment as wildlands. A State land may not be designated as "wildland areas" except as provided for in this section or by a subsequent act.

(1) ~~(1)~~ Under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, that property in Allegany County, containing approximately [630] 2,000 acres described as follows is a Type 2 State Wildland and shall be named the Potomac Bends Wildland:

PARCEL 1:

Beginning on the shore of the Potomac River at the east boundary of the abandoned Western Maryland Railroad bed, now owned by the National Park Service, then following the Potomac shore upriver and around the entire sinuous peninsula to the east boundary of the south end of the property now owned by the National Park Service, then following the National Park Service boundary inland in first a northeasterly direction, then northwest to the Western Maryland Railroad bed, and then northeast following that boundary back to the point of beginning, meaning to include all State-owned and only State-owned lands within this described peninsula.

The wildland excludes the approximately 23 acres privately owned by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

PARCEL 2:

BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE OLDTOWN ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF THE GREEN RIDGE HIKING TRAIL THAT LEADS FROM OLDTOWN ROAD TO LIFT LOCK 59, AND WITH THE HIKING TRAIL IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TO THE WEST SIDE OF A TIMBER MANAGEMENT ZONE PLANTED IN LARCH TREES TO ITS JUNCTION AGAIN WITH THE HIKING TRAIL, THEN WITH THE HIKING TRAIL TO A POINT 1,000 FEET NORTH OF THE C&O CANAL BED, THEN WITH A LINE RUNNING SOUTHEASTERLY KEEPING