

Department of Water Resources

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**Established By:** Md. Code Ann., art. 96A, §§ 1-58.

- Head:** Chairman of Water Resources Commission designated by the governor from membership.  
Director appointed by the Commission with the approval of the governor in accordance with the merit system law.
- Members:** 5, appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.
- Term:** 4 years for Commission members. Commission chairman at the pleasure of the governor.
- Removal:** Commission chairman at the pleasure of the governor, director under merit provisions.
- Employees:** Commission members and chairman exempted from merit system. They receive *per diem* allowance in budget for Commission. At present there are 27 merit and 5 unclassified employees.
- Function:** Commission acts in advisory capacity to director who is administrative head of the department. Department is responsible for supervising and planning the multiple purpose development of the waters of Maryland, including the making of surveys, maps and investigation of the water resources.

State Soil Conservation Committee**Established By:** Md. Code Ann., art. 66C, § 91.

- Head:** Committee designates its chairman from membership.
- Members:** Director of the Maryland Experiment Station; the director of the Maryland Department of State Forests and Parks; chairman of the State Board of Agriculture; dean of agriculture of the University of Maryland; the director of the Department of Game and Inland Fish; three soil conservation district supervisors, each of whom serve for a term of a year, to be appointed by the State Board of Agriculture; and principal administrative officer for Maryland of the Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture; director of Department of Water Resources; and Director of the Maryland Agricultural Extension Service.
- Term:** District supervisors serve 3 year terms.
- Removal:** No Specific Provision.
- Employees:** No compensation except expenses.
- Function:** Soil conservation information and coordination.