

State Department of Drainage

The State Department of Drainage, established by Chapter 465, Acts of 1937, promotes and encourages drainage of agricultural lands, correlates activities of local drainage organizations, and cooperates with State and Federal agencies in the development of a permanent program of improved drainage (Code 1957, Art. 66C, sec. 64).

Agricultural Advisory Board

Temporary Chairman: Benjamin Parran, 1964

Ex officio member: Edward F. Holter, State Board of Agriculture
 Appointed members: James A. Bayard, 1962; Lawrence E. Downey, 1962; Stephen M. Kahoe, Jr., 1962; G. Gorman Brittingham, 1963; Walter J. Hahn, 1963; William E. McGuirk, Jr., 1963; John B. Foard, 1964; Paul A. Croll, 1964.

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The Agricultural Advisory Board, created by Chapter 470, Acts of 1961, was established to formulate and make proposals for the advancement of Maryland agriculture and to serve as an advisory body to the State Board of Agriculture on matters pertaining to agriculture.

The Board consists of ten members, nine of whom are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. Five of the members must be farmers, each of whom represents one of the five regions of the State, while two represent the State at large and must be farmers. Two other members represent business or service directly related to agriculture. The tenth member is an ex officio member of the Board designated by the State Board of Agriculture. The Board selects its own chairman and appoints a Secretary (Code 1957, Art. 66C, sec. 47A).

NATURAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE

The Natural Resources Institute replaces the former Department of Research and Education (Chapter 776, Acts of 1961). It is responsible for increasing knowledge of the resources of Maryland and their best uses, with special emphasis on the tidewater and inland resources. The research program is maintained in cooperation with the departments represented on the Board of Natural Resources. The Institute also participates in the education of the public and of individuals in the problems and potentials of natural resources and in the training of students and specialists in related fields.

The principal divisions of the Institute include the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, Solomons, Maryland; the Inland Resources Division and the Conservation Education Division, Annapolis, Maryland; the Seafood Processing Laboratory, Crisfield, Maryland; and a field station in Western Maryland for problems relating to the Appalachian region.

A wide series of publications is issued, including the quarterly journal, CHESAPEAKE SCIENCE, devoted to research and progress on natural resources of the Chesapeake Bay region (Code 1957, Art. 66C, secs. 18-21).