

Department also furnishes the landowner with detail plans for management and seedlings for reforestation.

The Director of the Department of Forests and Parks is appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate (Code 1957, 1965 Supp., Art. 66C, secs. 343-344).

The Director is the agent for the State of Maryland to receive and disburse any funds available to the State under the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965—Public Law 88-578.

The Roadside Tree Law is administered by this Department. This provides for supervision of all tree care within the right-of-ways of public roads and streets in the State. This program is financed by charges to public utility companies and others who require this service.

The Department provides a well-distributed and accessible system of parks and recreation areas which include scenic, historic and geological sites that are of State-wide significance, and a variety of informal types of outdoor recreation. Also included in the system are facilities and accommodations for camping, picnicking, swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, aquatic activities, nature trails, and horseback riding. Property managed by the Department of Forests and Parks includes ten State Forests and the State Forest Nursery, containing a total of 124,337 acres and thirty-three State Parks, totaling 30,997 acres.

Nineteen State park areas are in operation, seven are open on a limited basis, seven are in the acquisition stage, and initial development is underway at one of these locations. Martinak and Shad Landing were opened for use in 1964 and are now operational. Assateague, James Island, and Point Lookout were opened on a limited basis last summer so that the public could use these areas. Greenbrier and the Chase area of the Gunpowder will be opened on a limited basis in 1966. In addition, the Department is cooperating with the counties in the Patuxent River Watershed in the acquisition of land that may be used for recreational purposes. Title to this land is vested in the counties.

STATE FORESTS

<i>Name</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Acreage</i>
Cedarville.....	Prince George's and Charles..	3,520
Doncaster.....	Charles	1,464
Elk Neck.....	Cecil	2,742
Green Ridge.....	Allegany	25,559
Pocomoke.....	Worcester	12,250
Potomac.....	Garrett	12,052
Savage River.....	Garrett	52,770
Seth Demonstration.....	Talbot	125
Swallow Falls.....	Garrett	9,248
South Mountain.....	Washington and Frederick.....	3,386
Wicomico.....	Wicomico	1,110
Nursery.....	Anne Arundel	132
	Total.....	124,358