

Also created at the same time was the Water Resources Commission which consists of five members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Chairman has an indefinite term. He is designated by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Initially, Commission members were appointed to staggered terms of 1 to 4 years; subsequent appointments will be for terms of four years each.

The 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. A joint study with the Departments of Game and Inland Fish and Chesapeake Bay Affairs, to define boundaries of tidal and nontidal waters, is specifically authorized and has been completed. In addition, the Department has assigned functions in the appropriation of waters (both surface and ground); the construction of reservoirs, dams and waterway obstructions; the abatement of water pollution; the drilling of wells and the licensing of well drillers; and the development of a long range flood control program.

The Commission is responsible for the promulgation of rules and regulations; hears, and rules on, appeals made by any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Department; and acts in an advisory capacity to the Director (Code 1957, 1964 Repl. Vol., Art. 96A).

Appropriations	1967	1968
General and Special Funds.....	\$427,424	\$731,525
Staff: 51.		

STATE SOIL CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Chairman: Gordon M. Cairns

Ex officio members: T. B. Symons, State Board of Agriculture; Irvin C. Haut, Director, Agricultural Experiment Station; Roy D. Cassell, Acting Director, Agricultural Extension Service; Spencer P. Ellis, Director, Department of Forests and Parks; George B. Shields, Director, Department of Game and Inland Fish; Edward R. Keil, State Conservationist, U. S. Soil Conservation Service; Paul W. McKee, Director, Department of Water Resources; Lathrop E. Smith, President, Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Inc.

Appointed members: W. Mitchell Digges, 1968; T. Walter Denny, 1969; Wilbert R. Paul, 1970.

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The State Soil Conservation Committee, established by Chapter 436, Acts of 1937, and as amended from time to time since that date, consists of the Chairman of the State Board of Agriculture or other member of the Board he may designate, the Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, the Director of the Agriculture Extension Service, the Dean of the College of Agriculture, the Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fish, the Director of the Department of Forests and Parks, the Director of the Department of Water Resources, and the President of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Inc. The Committee also includes three soil conservation district supervisors representing different geographic areas of the State from soil conservation districts organized in Maryland. Each of these supervisors serve three-year terms.