

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Water Resources Commission

Chairman: Maurice Siegel

Members: J. Henry Schilpp, 1970; Don A. Emerson, 1971; Dr. R. Lamar Green, 1972; Robert J. McLeod, 1973.

The Department

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The Department of Water Resources was created by Chapter 73, Acts of 1964, upon the recommendation of the State Planning Department and on the basis of recommendations made in 1961 as a result of a study of the future administration of Maryland water resource activities. The water pollution control functions of the predecessor agency, the Water Pollution Control Commission, originally created by Chapter 697, Acts of 1947, were transferred in their entirety and without substantial change to the new Department. The Department also took over certain powers and duties previously exercised by the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources (which itself was reorganized and renamed Maryland Geological Survey). The Department replaces the abolished Water Pollution Control Commission as a member department of the Board of Natural Resources.

The Water Resources Commission was also created in 1964. Appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, the five member commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Department of Water Resources. The Chairman is designated by and serves at the pleasure of the Secretary of Natural Resources for an indefinite term. Commission members serve terms of four years each.

The Department is responsible for supervising and planning the multiple purpose development of the waters of Maryland; is authorized to develop a general water resources program which contemplates the proper conservation and development of the waters of the State; and is empowered to make surveys, maps, investigations, and studies of the water resources of the State. 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	1969	1970
General and Special Funds.....	\$1,140,022	\$1,305,875
Staff: 58.		

**GOVERNOR'S PATUXENT RIVER WATERSHED
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chairman: John T. Parran, Jr.

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