

The Governor appointed this Committee at the request of the Board of Natural Resources in 1967. The Committee consists of members of the House of Delegates and the Senate together with citizens from each of the basin counties. The Committee is to recommend what can be done to save the watershed from the threat of pollution, erosion, and urban encroachment and to initiate a plan for its development so that the pollution of the river and its tributaries may be abated. In July 1968, the Committee completed a report which warned that portions of the Patuxent River are now threatened with early destructive pollution and unsightly degradation unless immediate steps are taken to prevent this from happening. In its report, the Committee recommended that all existing water treatment plants be immediately brought to their maximum level of operating efficiency and that work be started on a new basin-wide treatment disposal system based on the anticipated increased waste load demands that will be made on the river during the coming years. In addition, the Committee recommended a variety of open space park and recreational programs along the banks of the river to preserve the environment. The Committee is continuing its investigations to implement the report.

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

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The Maryland Environmental Trust was created by Chapter 648, Acts of 1967, to conserve, improve, stimulate and perpetuate the aesthetic, natural health, scenic and cultural qualities of the Maryland environment. The Trust is also to encourage the people of the State to do so and to promote the continuing interest in and study in such matters.

The Trust consists of twelve trustees appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms varying from one to four years. In addition, the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates serve as *ex officio* members. The Commission selects its own officers, the Director of the Trust, and other employees as may be necessary.

The Trust absorbed and expanded the functions and activities of the Governor's Committee to Keep Maryland Beautiful (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., 1968 Supp., Art. 41, secs. 181L-181X).

Appropriations	1969	1970
General Funds	\$29,151	\$29,151
Staff: 2.		