

mation Services, and General Administration.

Program Planning and Evaluation assists the Secretary in the coordination and direction of comprehensive planning in the areas of natural resources management. Extension Services is responsible for education of the general public in the use of natural resources. Assistance and Information Services is charged with keeping the public accurately and swiftly informed of policies and activities of the Department of Natural Resources. The Administration section is responsible for fiscal affairs, personnel, federal aid coordination, data processing services, and management of registration and titling of boats.

BOAT DEALER ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE SECRETARY

Appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Council advises the Secretary on boating laws and how they affect the boating industry in Maryland (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102(d)).

MARYLAND REMOTE SENSING STEERING COMMITTEE

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The Committee coordinates remote sensing activities in Maryland. It acts as liaison for the remote sensing user community and offers technical review of proposed projects while facilitating efficient and economical use of related personnel, equipment, and products (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102(d)).

CAPITAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

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The Capital Programs Administration operates five programs: Land Planning Services, Shore Erosion Control, Program Open Space, Land and Property Management, and General Direction, including the Office of Recreation and Leisure Services.

Land Planning Services is responsible for providing the Department of Natural Resources planning and mapping services for the acquisi-

tion, development, and resource management of public lands and scenic rivers administered and/or managed by the Department. The activities of Land Planning are accomplished through four primary projects: Park Planning, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Acquisition Graphics and Research, and Natural Heritage and Environmental Review.

The Park Planning project develops master plans for new State parks or a recreation use and modification of existing State parks. Park Planning also conducts environmental reviews for many DNR projects and lands.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers project prepares resource management plans for the nine rivers that comprise the scenic and wild rivers system. It promotes the wise use of rivers' land and water resources, and improves resource conservation measures.

The Acquisition Graphics and Research Project researches property records (deeds, surveys, and land patents) and prepares boundary maps which graphically illustrate all private properties legislatively authorized for acquisition to complete public ownership of DNR managed lands.

The National Heritage and Environmental Review project systematically collects, records, and analyzes the State's natural vegetation and aquatic diversity, including rare, endangered, or threatened species.

Land Planning Services adheres to the Natural Resources Article which requires all State agencies to conduct their affairs with an awareness that they are responsible for protection of the environment for both present and future generations.

Shore Erosion Control Program provides technical assistance to property owners, communities, and counties experiencing shore erosion problems; administers the Shore Erosion Control Revolving Loan Fund which provides interest-free loans for project construction to qualified applicants; designs and provides construction supervision, at no cost, for State financed projects; evaluates the effectiveness of new materials and methods developed to control erosion; provides public education on the causes and prevention of shore and bank erosion; and makes assessments and recommendations on the overall erosion problem in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Program Open Space administers the funds made available to local communities for open and recreational space under the provisions of the Outdoor Recreation Land Loan of 1969 and from the National Park Service, Land and Water Con-