

The Commission has authority to intervene in local development plans if it determines the Bay may be endangered.

Commission members are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. They number twenty-five members, including five ex officio, voting members or their designees. Periodically, the Commission meets with the Joint Committee on Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-1801 through 8-1816).

### UPPER POTOMAC RIVER COMMISSION

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The Upper Potomac River Commission was established in 1935 (Chapter 409, Acts of 1935). It supervises the Savage River Dam, which regulates the flow of the Potomac River. The Commission has jurisdiction over the water resources of Allegany County and of Election District 4 (Bloomington) in Garrett County.

The Commission consists of three members appointed for six-year terms. The Governor appoints the chairperson, and the Allegany County and Garrett County Boards of County Commissioners each appoint one member.

### CAPITAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

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The Capital Programs Administration operates five programs: Land Planning Services, Shore Erosion Control, Program Open Space, Land Management and Recreational Services, and Capital Development.

*Land Planning Services* provides planning, mapping, environmental review, and capital budget services for the Department's acquisition, development, and resource management of public lands and scenic rivers. These services are offered through five primary projects: Resource Planning, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Acquisition Graphics and

Research, Natural Heritage and Environmental Review, and Capital Budget Planning.

The Resource Planning Project develops master plans for new State parks or for a recreation use and modification of existing State parks. Resource Planning also conducts detailed property reviews for proposed new DNR areas, environmental reviews for many DNR projects and lands, and master facilities plans for areas without approved master plans.

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 the rivers' land and water resources, and improves resource conservation measures. Planners work with local citizen advisory boards to develop resource recommendations that local governing bodies may use.

The Acquisition Graphics and Research Project researches property records (deeds, surveys, land patents) and prepares project boundary maps for all DNR lands. These maps include properties in the authorized acquisition program, as well as properties owned by the Department and lands not yet acquired. Acquisition Graphics reviews and updates all project boundary maps it prepares.

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

The Capital Budget Planning Project prepares the Department's annual Capital Budget request. The Project organizes and coordinates development project proposals submitted to Capital Programs Administration by management agencies within DNR. Projects are evaluated and placed into the the Five Year Capital Improvements Program according to priority and category. Supporting data is collected, including cost data and justification, and meetings and budget hearings are required throughout the process.

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 (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-302).

*Shore Erosion Control Program* provides technical assistance to property owners, communities, and counties experiencing shore erosion problems. The Program administers the Shore Erosion Control Revolving Loan Fund, which provides inter-