

est-free loans for project construction to qualified applicants. It designs and provides construction supervision for State financed projects. The Program also evaluates the effectiveness of new materials and methods developed to control erosion, and provides public education on the causes and prevention of shore and bank erosion. The Program makes assessments and recommendations on the overall erosion problem in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

*Program Open Space* has as its primary objective acquiring outdoor recreation and open space areas for public use. This Program 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 Conservation Fund, U.S. Department of the Interior. Program Open Space coordinates the acquisition of DNR lands for the use of all departmental agencies.

Established in 1983, *Land Management and Recreation Services Program* is comprised of four primary projects: Land Management, Real Property Review and Evaluation, Recreation and Leisure Services, and Enterprise Development.

The Land Management Project operates properties identified for enterprise development, major capital improvement, or innovative natural resources management. They include the Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary, Somers Cove Marina, and the Fair Hill and Patuxent River Natural Resources Management Areas.

Real Property Review and Evaluation executes all leases, rights-of-ways, easements, and use agreements initiated by the Department for the use of its real property. In addition, this section maintains a Real Property Inventory for the Department, and processes all requests for disposal, razings, or change in use of properties.

Recreation and Leisure Services offers technical assistance in planning and conducting recreation activities and programs to agencies of State, local, and municipal governments, as well as private corporations, organizations, and members of the general public. This section responds to requests regarding grant sources, land acquisition, program development, lectures, and workshops.

Enterprise Development is a new project whereby State lands are developed by private interests in an enterprise that generates benefits and revenues for both the public and private sectors. These enterprises will be established in a manner that will preserve the integrity of our natural resources,

while enhancing their recreational potential and fiscal productivity.

*Capital Development Program* provides design and construction services to other DNR agencies, evaluates facilities for capital budget planning purposes, and assists in the preservation of DNR-owned historic properties.

The following special committees work through the Capital Program Administration:

#### **Catoctin Furnace Local Advisory Board**

G. Eugene Anderson, *Chairperson*

The Board advises the Department on matters concerning Catoctin Furnace (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102(d)).

#### **Deep Creek Lake Advisory and Review Committee**

DeCorsey E. Bolden, *Chairperson*

The Committee reviews and advises the Secretary of Natural Resources on all matters relating to the Deep Creek Lake Recreation Maintenance and Management Fund and the Deep Creek Lake Management Program (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 5-216).

#### **Gunpowder Local Advisory Board**

A. Louise Matzinger, *Chairperson*

The Board advises the Department on matters concerning Gunpowder Falls State Park (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102(d)).

#### **Helen Avalynne Tawes Garden Advisory Committee**

W. Offutt Johnson, *Chairperson*

The Committee plans and develops the Tawes Garden, a barrier-free Annapolis garden which features plants characteristic of Maryland (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102(d)).

#### **Program Open Space Allocation Committee**

James Clark, Jr., *Chairperson*

R. Charles Avara; Lem Kirk; Laurence Levitan; R. Clayton Mitchell; L. Clements Nixon; Lorne C. Rickert; Hugh B. Robey; Francis J. Santangelo, Sr.; Charles H. Smelser.

Appointed by the Governor, the Committee prepares and adopts an apportionment formula for the percent of total funds that each subdivision will