

The Project organizes and coordinates development project proposals submitted to the Capital Programs Administration by management agencies within DNR. Projects are evaluated and placed into 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 so as to protect the environment for both present and future generations (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-302).

SHORE EROSION CONTROL PROGRAM

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The 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 interest-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

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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 Department lands for the use of all departmental agencies.

LAND MANAGEMENT AND RECREATION SERVICES

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Established in 1983, the 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. This assistance is available for 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

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