
STATE FOREST & PARK SERVICE

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The State Forest & Park Service originated in 1906 as the Board of Forestry (Chapter 294, Acts of 1906). The Board was replaced by the Department of Forests and Parks in 1941 (Chapter 508, Acts of 1941). In 1969, the Department of Forests and Parks became part of the Department of Natural Resources (Chapter 154, Acts of 1969). The Department of Forests and Parks divided into two units in 1972: the Park Service and the Forest Service (Chapter 348, Acts of 1972). These Services were recombined in 1982 as the Forest and Park Service (Chapter 184, Acts of 1982). In 1984, the Forest and Park Service merged with the Wildlife Administration to form the Forest, Park and Wildlife Service (Chapter 136, Acts of 1984). Reorganization in 1991 formed the State Forest and Park Service separate from the Wildlife Program.

The State Forest & Park Service works to serve the forest management and recreational needs of the people of Maryland. The Service administers and manages Maryland's State forests, parks, scenic preserves, historic monuments, and natural environmental areas. While providing recreation sites, the Service preserves natural resources, and ensures multiple uses and a sustained yield of forest resources. The Service also is responsible for the Maryland Conservation Corps.

The Service consists of fifty-three management projects, including four State forests, ten multi-use parks, fourteen general recreation parks, seven waterfront parks, six natural environment areas, ten historic or scenic sites, one roadside picnic area, and three natural resource management areas.

Parks and recreational activity brochures are available at each park and upon request from the Service.

FOREST ADVISORY COMMISSIONVacancy, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Natural Resources: Peter Becker; John E. Brodie; Marilyn Guerra; Preston T. Johnson III; Ollie W. Kitchen, Jr.; Margaret S. Mallino; James Parsons; Susan Kay Reinhart; Thomas O. Tyler III.

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Formerly the Forest and Park Advisory Commission, the Forest Advisory Commission was created in 1988 (Chapter 178, Acts of 1988).

PARK ADVISORY COMMISSIONVacancy, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor with advice of Secretary of Natural Resources: Joel T. Anderson; Clara D. Clow; Ann S. Coates; William E. Mowczka;

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The Park Advisory Commission was formed in 1988 (Chapter 178, Acts of 1988).

SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK ADVISORY BOARDMonroe I. Duke, *Chairperson*

Appointed by Governor: Willard Clark; Thomas W. Coudon; William S. James; Mrs. Frederick J. Viele.

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Authorized by Chapter 297, Acts of 1982, the Maryland Conservation Corps was funded and began operation in 1984 (Chapter 510, Acts of 1984). The Corps, formerly under the Tidewater Administration, was assigned to the Forest, Park and Wildlife Service in 1988. Since 1991, the Corps has been under the State Forest and Park Service.

The Corps provides Maryland youths, aged 14 to 21, with meaningful and productive employment to develop and maintain the State's natural resources. During the summer of 1990, 454 youths worked on 49 crews in different projects throughout the State. Participants may be sponsored by private industry and must have the physical fitness and desire to spend the summer working out-of-doors, possibly in remote locations. Corps projects conserve or improve natural resources or enhance and preserve environmentally important lands and waters.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE

Malcolm Wilkerson, *Acting Director*

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Program Open Space acquires outdoor recreation and open space areas for public use. The Program administers funds made available to local communities for open and recreational space by the Outdoor Recreation Land Loan of 1969 and from the National Park Service, Land and Water Conservation Fund, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Program coordinates the acquisition of Department lands for the use of all departmental agencies.