

RESOURCE PLANNING

The Resource Planning Section formulates master plans for new State parks or for recreational use and modification of existing State parks. For proposed new Department areas, the Section conducts detailed property reviews as well as environmental reviews for many Department projects and lands. The Section also develops master facilities plans for areas without approved master plans.

The Section prepares resource management plans for the nine rivers of the scenic and wild rivers system to promote the wise use of the rivers' land and water resources, and improve resource conservation measures. Planners work with local citizen advisory boards developing recommendations for local governments on resource use.

SCENIC & WILD RIVERS REVIEW BOARD

Chairperson: Torrey C. Brown, M.D., Secretary of Natural Resources

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The Scenic and Wild Rivers Review Board was created in 1968 (Chapter 85, Acts of 1968). The Board reviews all inventories, studies, plans, rules, and regulations concerning the Scenic and Wild Rivers Program. The Program includes the following rivers and their tributaries: the Anacostia; Deer Creek; Monocacy; Patuxent; Pocomoke; Potomac (in Montgomery and Frederick counties); Severn; Wicomico (in Charles County); and Youghiogheny. During review, the recommendations of the Secretary of Natural Resources, local governing bodies, and local advisory boards are considered. The Board recommends to the General Assembly resource management plans for rivers, shorelines, and related lands included in the Program, and recommends additional rivers and tributaries for the Program.

With the advice and consent of the local governing body, the Review Board appoints a local scenic and wild river advisory board for each river in the Scenic and Wild River Program.

The Board consists of the Secretary of Agriculture; the Secretary of the Environment; the Secretary of Natural Resources; the Director of Planning; and a Garrett County Commissioner who votes only on matters pertaining to the wild portion of the Youghiogheny River (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 8-401 through 8-411).

TECHNICAL SERVICES

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Technical Services provides computer support for publication and display graphics, and for all the work of Greenways and Resource Planning. This

section also maintains a geographic information system and coordinates the Department's planning for forest management.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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Environmental Review coordinates the Department's review of all proposals that affect Department lands, including leases, sales, and easements. In support of capital budget requests, planners in this section prepare environmental and growth management assessments.

MAPPING & PROPERTY RESEARCH

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The Mapping and Property Research Section researches property records (deeds, surveys, land patents) and prepares project boundary maps for all Department lands. These maps show properties in the acquisition program, as well as properties owned by the Department or not yet acquired. The Section also conducts surveys, and reviews and updates the maps.

PROGRAM OPEN SPACE

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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 Land and Water Conservation Fund of the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. The Program coordinates the acquisition of Department lands for the use of all departmental agencies (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 5-901 through 5-910).

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