
ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

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Engineering and Construction Services began as the Capital Development Program, which was part of the Capital Programs Administration by 1984. In 1990, the Program was renamed Engineering Services. It became Engineering and Construction Services in 1991 under Public Lands and in 1992 under Public Lands and Forestry. Engineering and Construction Services provides design and construction services to other Department agencies, evaluates facilities for capital budget planning purposes, and helps preserve historic properties owned by the Department.

FOREST SERVICE

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Forestry Programs started in 1943 with the Forest Conservancy Districts Act (Chapter 722, Acts of 1943). By 1971, the Program was called the Technical Forestry and Reforestation Program. By 1979, it was renamed Cooperative Forest Management and, by 1983, Cooperative Forestry Program. It became Forestry Programs in 1991.

Forestry Programs helps private landowners and municipal and county governments manage their forests and trees. Forestry Programs seeks to improve and maintain the economic, aesthetic, recreational, and environmental contributions of trees, forests, and forest-related resources for human benefit. Duties include cooperative forest management; urban and community forestry; resource use, planning, and protection; and all matters relating to forestry in the critical areas surrounding Chesapeake Bay.

Forestry Programs provides forest management expertise to private landowners and local governments. Forest fire prevention and control, insect and disease control, land management, watershed management, as well as reforestation, and urban and community forestry constitute the main thrusts of Forestry Programs. Through urban and community forestry, Forestry Programs carefully plans development and large-scale forestry projects with developers, builders, architects, and city and county planners. Supervision of utility trimming and municipal tree care programs is an important facet of urban and community forestry. The urban forestry concept includes granting individual shade tree consultations to private landowners, as time permits.

FOREST ADVISORY COMMISSION

John E. Brodie, *Chairperson*

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

DISTRICT FORESTRY BOARDS

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District Forestry Boards function in all twenty-three Maryland counties and in Baltimore City. The Boards were established in 1943 to assist the then Department of Forests and Parks by promoting forest management on privately owned woodlands. The original goal was to help assure a supply of wood fiber products through scientific forest management. Today, their role has been expanded to improve the environment in urban and suburban areas and educate people about the benefits forests provide. Board members work closely with project and Chesapeake Bay foresters throughout the State. Forestry Boards primarily serve as advisory, educational and facilitating bodies. In the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area, Forestry Boards are responsible for approving forest management plans. Forestry Boards also review proposed laws and represent the interests of forestry with local, State and federal legislatures (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 5-601 through 5-610).

Forestry Board members are appointed by the Assistant Secretary for Public Lands and Forestry on the recommendation of the local forester in consultation with Board members. Meeting at least four times a year, each board has five or more members. The chief requirement for membership is an interest in forestry and a desire to see resources wisely used and renewed. Tree farmers, forest product workers, arborists, educators, farmers, and government representatives are but a few of the interest groups represented on the Boards.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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Resource Management was organized in 1992. The Assistant Secretary for Resource Management is responsible for six agencies: the Tidewater Administration; the Boating Administration; the Natural Resources Police Force; the Water Resources Administration; the Maryland Geological Survey; and the Fish, Heritage, and Wildlife Ad-