

the conservation and enjoyment of scenic rivers and streams in Maryland.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Sections 759 through 762 be and they are hereby added to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," to follow immediately after Section 758 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Scenic Rivers," and to read as follows:

SCENIC RIVERS

759.

Many of the rivers of Maryland or sections thereof and related adjacent land areas, possess outstanding scenic, fish, wildlife, and other recreation values of present and potential benefit to the citizens of Maryland. ~~To~~ IT SHALL BE THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO protect the water quality of such rivers and to fulfill vital conservation purposes through the wise use of resources within this scenic river system, THEREFORE it is essential that a scenic rivers system be developed so that these purposes may be fulfilled.

760.

There is created a Scenic Rivers Review Board. This board shall consist of the Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources ~~and~~, THE ~~four other~~ DEPARTMENTAL members of the Board of Natural Resources ~~designated by the Chairman, a member~~. THE DIRECTOR of the State Planning ~~Commission~~ DEPARTMENT and the Chairman of the Maryland Environmental Trust. The board shall select its chairman. The board shall inventory all potential scenic river sites and ~~provide to the Governor~~ COMPILE a list of such areas, WHICH SHALL BE SUBMITTED ANNUALLY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The board shall also develop an administrative system necessary to carry out the purposes of this subtitle. The board will cooperate with federal agencies, other state agencies, and counties in the implementation of this inventory and in the future establishment of a scenic rivers system. The members of the board shall receive no salary as members, but ~~shall~~ MAY be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings and other business of the board. ~~The board may have such employees as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this subtitle and compensation for such employees shall be as provided for in the budget.~~

761.

Rivers, streams or sections of streams, tributaries and the related adjacent lands included in the descriptions herein specified may be ~~designated~~ RECOMMENDED by the Scenic Rivers Review Board, to be included in the system of scenic rivers:

(a) *Trout streams and wetland areas as designated by the Department of Game and Inland Fish.*

(b) *Spawning and propagation areas as outlined by the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs.*

(c) *Streams and rivers with scenic and aesthetic value of State-wide significance as outlined by the Department of Forests and Parks.*