

tion to manage or maintain the areas for the preservation of their natural condition.]

(a) In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas within the State of Maryland, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Maryland ~~State Legislature~~ GENERAL ASSEMBLY to secure for the people of Maryland of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of STATE wildlands. For this purpose there is hereby established a State Wildlands Preservation System to be composed of areas in the State designated by the ~~Legislature~~ GENERAL ASSEMBLY as "Wildland Areas," and these shall be administered for the use and enjoyment of the people of Maryland in such a manner as will leave them unimpaired for the future use and enjoyment as wildlands, and so as to provide for the protection of these areas, the preservation of their wildland character, and for the gathering and dissemination of information regarding their use and enjoyment as wildlands; and no State lands shall be designated as "Wildland Areas" except as provided for in this Act or by a subsequent Act.

(b) The inclusion of an area in the State Wildlands Preservation System notwithstanding, the area shall continue to be managed by the Department and agency having jurisdiction thereover immediately before its inclusion in the State Wildlands Preservation System unless otherwise provided by an Act of the ~~Legislature~~ GENERAL ASSEMBLY. No appropriation shall be available for the payment of expenses or salaries for the administration of the State Wildlands Preservation System as a separate unit nor shall any appropriations be available for additional personnel stated as being required solely for the purpose of managing or administering areas solely because they are included within the State Wildlands Preservation System.

(c) "Wildlands" means limited areas of land or water which have retained their wilderness character, although not necessarily completely natural and undisturbed, or have rare or vanishing species of plant or animal life or similar features of interest which are worthy of preservation for the use of present and future residents of the State, and may include unique ecological, geological, scenic and contemplative recreational areas on State lands.

"State Wildlands" ARE "WILDLANDS" OWNED BY THE STATE AND shall include the following three types and the location of each shall be described in the designation:

Type 1. Primitive areas which by their size or location are in effect untouched by urban civilization, and can therefore offer the experience of solitude and self-reliance. Whereas, lands at the higher elevations are important for protection of watersheds, are ecologically vulnerable if unwisely altered by human interference, and often may be uneconomic for logging or construction, it is hereby found that such lands generally may be suitable for this classification.

Type 2. Units of importance for all the natural sciences, especially ecology, and with outstanding value for education and research and for the appreciation of natural processes. Preservation in the desired