

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language reflecting the decision of the commission to provide for flexibility in any future amendment to this statute.

(B) "COUNTY" INCLUDES BALTIMORE CITY UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language added because a similar definition in Article 1, Section 14 frequently is overlooked. It is redrafted for clarity in order to avoid any confusion.

[(B)] (C) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language and has been inserted to avoid the repeated use of the phrase "Department of Natural Resources".

[(C)] (D) "PERSON" INCLUDES THE STATE, ANY COUNTY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OR ANY OF THEIR UNITS, OR AN INDIVIDUAL, RECEIVER, TRUSTEE, GUARDIAN, EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, FIDUCIARY, OR REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY KIND, OR ANY PARTNERSHIP, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE CORPORATION, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language which sets forth a broad definition of the word "person" as used in this title.

[(D)] (E) "SECRETARY" MEANS SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection is new language and has been inserted to avoid the repeated use of the phrase "Secretary of Natural Resources".

5-102. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

FORESTS, STREAMS, VALLEYS, WETLANDS, PARKS, SCENIC, HISTORIC AND RECREATION AREAS OF THE STATE ARE BASIC ASSETS. THEIR PROPER USE, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRESERVATION ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, ECONOMY, AND GENERAL WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE. IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE TO