

[[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 8-401 through 8-411, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 4. Wild and Scenic Rivers" be and they are hereby added to Article - Natural Resources, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

SUBTITLE 4. WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS.

8-401.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "DEVELOPMENT" MEANS ANY STRUCTURE, APPURTENANCE, OTHER ADDITION, MODIFICATION, OR ALTERATION CONSTRUCTED, PLACED OR MADE ON OR TO LAND OR WATER, OR ANY ACTIVITY RESULTING IN THE REGULAR OCCURRENCE OF UNNATURAL NOISE.

(C) "FREE FLOWING RIVER" MEANS A RIVER THAT EXISTS OR FLOWS IN A SUBSTANTIALLY NATURAL CONDITION, WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT OR CONTROLLING INPOUNDMENT, DIVERSION, STRAIGHTENING, RIP-RAPPING OR OTHER MODIFICATIONS AND MAY INCLUDE RIVERS WITH LOW DAMS, DIVERSION WORKS AND OTHER MINOR STRUCTURES.

(D) "RIVER" MEANS A FLOWING BODY OF WATER OR ESTUARY, OR A STRETCH, SECTION, OR TRIBUTARY OF A BODY OF WATER OR ESTUARY.

(E) "SCENIC RIVER" MEANS A FREE FLOWING RIVER WHOSE RELATED SHORELINES ARE PREDOMINATELY FORESTED, AGRICULTURAL, GRASSLAND, MARSHLAND, OR SWAMPLAND WITH A MINIMUM OF DEVELOPMENT FOR AT LEAST TWO MILES OF THE RIVER LENGTH.

(F) "SHORELINE" MEANS THE NON-SUBMERGED LANDS ADJACENT TO A RIVER.

(G) "WILD RIVER" MEANS A FREE FLOWING RIVER WHOSE RELATED SHORELINES ARE UNDEVELOPED, INACCESSIBLE EXCEPT BY TRAIL, OR PREDOMINATELY PRIMITIVE IN A NATURAL STATE FOR AT LEAST FOUR MILES OF THE RIVER LENGTH.

8-402.

CERTAIN RIVERS OF THE STATE AND THEIR SHORELINES POSSESS EXTRAORDINARY SCENIC, AESTHETIC, RECREATIONAL, GEOLOGICAL, ECOLOGICAL, HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, WILDERNESS, OR FISH AND WILDLIFE VALUES. THE POLICY OF THE STATE IS TO PROTECT AND RETAIN THESE VALUES BY PRESERVING THESE