

RIVERS AND SHORELINES AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PRESENT AND FUTURE USE AND ENJOYMENT.

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(A) A WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE AND CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS PROGRAM FOR EACH DESIGNATED RIVER INCLUDING ANY RIVER DESIGNATED SUBSEQUENTLY AS PART OF THE SYSTEM. HIS DUTIES INCLUDE CONDUCTING STUDIES, DEVELOPING STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND DESIGNATION OF RIVERS, DESIGNATING RIVERS FOR INCLUSION WITHIN THE SYSTEM, AND PLANNING AND MANAGING THE COMPONENTS OF THE SYSTEM.

(B) THE FOLLOWING RIVERS AND RELATED SHORELINES ARE THE INITIAL COMPONENTS OF, AND SHALL REMAIN A PART OF, THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM:

- (1) DEER CREEK IN HARFORD COUNTY;
- (2) PATUXENT;
- (3) POCOMOKE;
- (4) POTOMAC IN MONTGOMERY AND FREDERICK COUNTIES;
- (5) MONOCACY;
- (6) SEVERN FROM THE MARYLAND ROUTE 3 BRIDGE TO THE RIVER'S CONFLUENCE WITH THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS RELATED SHORELINES;
- (7) WICOMICO IN CHARLES COUNTY; AND
- (8) YOUGHIOGHENY.

(C) BY JULY 1, 1976, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE THE RIVER STRETCHES AND RELATED SHORELINES OF THE INITIAL COMPONENTS OF THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM AS EITHER A WILD OR SCENIC RIVER.

(D) BY JULY 1, 1976, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE A STUDY AND PLAN FOR THE USE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATER AND RELATED LAND RESOURCES OF DEER CREEK IN HARFORD COUNTY. THE STUDY AND PLAN SHALL EVALUATE DEER CREEK AS A WATER AND SCENIC RESOURCE, AND EVALUATE ITS SHORELINE AND RELATED LAND IN TERMS OF ZONING, PARKS, AND RECREATIONAL AREAS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE USE. THE STUDY AND PLAN SHALL BE MADE IN CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION WITH EVERY AFFECTED GOVERNING UNIT OF HARFORD COUNTY. UPON COMPLETION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE THE STUDY AND