

This approval extends only to the structural aspects of the proposal. Specific personnel or budgetary items remain, of course, subject to the normal administrative processes.

I share your view that new organization of the Forest and Park Service will promote optimum management and utilization of Maryland's forest and park resources.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

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The Honorable Harry Hughes  
Governor of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Governor Hughes:

Chapter 184 of the 1982 Laws of Maryland combined the forest and park units of the Department of Natural Resources into one unit. To implement that law, and in accordance with Article 41, §15CB of the Annotated Code, the following organization of the Maryland Forest and Park Service is proposed.

Present activities of the two units would be consolidated into three separate programs; general direction, cooperative forestry and land management. A director of the Forest and Park Service would be the chief administrative officer of the unit and would be responsible directly to the Secretary of Natural Resources. The director would be responsible for the planning, implementation and evaluation of all Forest and Park Service programs and activities. An associate director, a chief for operations (land management), state forester, chief of program control, and administrative officer would report to the director. These officials comprise part of the general direction program more specifically described below.

Public land management activities of the Park Service and Forest Service would be combined into one budget program headed by a program director, chief of operations. The chief of operations would be responsible for concession management, construction, environmental review, facility maintenance, interpretation, law enforcement, manpower programs, rentals, and state forest and state park operations. An environmental specialist, supervisor of interpretation, a chief of law enforcement, and all park and forest managers would be under the supervision of the program director for land management.

Cooperative forestry management (private land activities),