Natural Resources - Wildland and Open Areas

FOR the purpose of designating 586 acres as the "Rocky Gap Wildland", a Type II wildland, in Allegany County; permitting certain development outside the described "Rocky Gap Wildland"; and generally relating to describing certain wildland to be included as a Type II wildland area in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

    Article - Natural Resources
    Section 5-1203(a)
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

BY adding to

    Article - Natural Resources
    Section 5-1203(j)
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

    SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

5-1203.

    (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, leaving no lands designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is the policy of the General Assembly to secure for the people of present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of State wildlands. For this purpose there is established a State wildlands preservation system composed of areas in the State designated by the General Assembly as "wildland areas". The wildland areas shall be administered for the use and enjoyment of the people of Maryland in a manner that will leave them unimpaired for the future use and enjoyment as wildlands, to provide for their protection, preservation of their wildland character, and for gathering and dissemination of information regarding their use and enjoyment as wildlands. A State land may not be designated as "wildland areas" except as provided for in this section or by a subsequent act.

    (J) (1) PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THAT PROPERTY IN ALLEGANY COUNTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 586 ACRES AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS IS A TYPE II STATE WILDLAND AND SHALL BE NAMED "ROCKY GAP WILDLAND":