

Approved May 14, 1991.

CHAPTER 435

(House Bill 1123)

AN ACT concerning

The Monocacy River Study and Management Plan

FOR the purpose of providing approval by the Maryland General Assembly of "The Monocacy River Study and Management Plan" to serve as a guideline and reference document for Carroll County, Frederick County, and the State of Maryland to use as recommendations, as necessary, to conserve and protect the River.

Preamble

WHEREAS, In 1974, the General Assembly of the State of Maryland recognized that the Monocacy River is notable for its rich natural resources, cultural heritage, for its many ecologically important sites, and for varied recreational opportunities, and consequently designated the Monocacy River as one of Maryland's "Scenic Rivers"; and

WHEREAS, The policy established for the State's Scenic and Wild Rivers Program is to preserve and protect the natural values for these rivers, enhance their water quality, and fulfill vital conservation purposes by the wise use of resources within the surrounding environment; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, the Monocacy River Citizens Advisory Board, with assistance provided by the Scenic and Wild Rivers Program, completed and approved a report on the Monocacy entitled "The Monocacy River Study and Management Plan"; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Carroll County, Frederick County, and the Maryland Scenic and Wild Rivers Review Board approved "The Monocacy River Study and Management Plan" so that it could be forwarded to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The plan proposes several recommendations as to how the Monocacy's natural, scenic, and cultural heritage may be conserved and protected; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County, Frederick County, and the State of Maryland have approximately 58 miles of shoreline along the Monocacy River and numerous major tributaries, which constitute an environmental resource of inestimable value to the State, county residents and visitors to the area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly approves "The Monocacy River Study and Management Plan" to serve as a guideline and reference document for Carroll County, Frederick County, and the State of Maryland to use as recommendations, as necessary, to conserve and protect the River.