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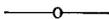
The improvement of State Forests and Parks with the aid of seven CCC camps under the direction of the Forestry Department, has been of the greatest value in the development of these properties.

The Department also administers nine state forests and six state parks, comprising about 70,000 acres in eleven different counties. The main purpose of the forests is for timber growing and watershed protection, but they also serve along with the state parks as a recreation ground for the people of the State, being visited every year by thousands for camping and other forms of recreation. In 1938 a total of 390,000 people visited the recreational areas under the Forestry Department.

In addition to State owned land the Department has, under a co-operative license agreement running for a period of 99 years, taken over the administration and management of approximately 42,000 acres of Federally owned land, submarginal for agriculture, to be devoted to forestry, wild life and recreational uses. One area of 33,000 acres is in Garrett County, adjacent to the Savage River State Forest with which it will be administered, and the other, about 9,000 acres, is in Worcester County, which will be administered as part of the Pocomoke State Forest.

The Roadside Tree Law directs the Department of Forestry to protect those trees growing within the right-of-way of any public highway in the State, and no tree can be cut or trimmed by a corporation or individual without a permit from the Forestry Department, after application has been made to the State Forester. The Forestry Department cooperates with the State Roads Commission and other agencies in tree planting along highways.

A State Forest Nursery, established in 1914, furnishes trees at cost for planting forests, windbreaks, and along roadsides.



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The State Weather Service continues its work of compilation and printing of local statistics research regarding climatic conditions and in the dissemination of information regarding the climatology and current weather of Maryland under the Regents of the University of Maryland through the State Geologist as successor of the Maryland State Weather Service Commission. The State Geologist ex-officio is Director, performing all the functions of former officers with the exception of Meteorologist, who, as before, is commissioned by the Governor and serves as liaison officer with the United States Weather Bureau. All activities except clerical are performed voluntarily. There are about seventy observers, the same number of crop-weather reporters, and seven storm-warning display stations. (Ch. 29, as amended 1929.)

The work is done at the U. S. W. B. Office in the Custom House, Baltimore.