

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARCHEOLOGY

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The Advisory Committee on Archeology was created within the Maryland Geological Survey by Chapter 541, Acts of 1968. The Committee consists of five members with skill and knowledge in archeological matters, including representatives of reputable museums, institutions of higher education, and recognized scientific and/or historical societies or institutions. The State Archeologist is a professional archeologist appointed by the Director of the Maryland Geological Survey in accordance with the Merit System Law.

The Committee advises the Maryland Geological Survey on archeological matters and formulates rules and regulations regarding archeological matters for review and publication by the Survey (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 2-301 through 2-308).

FOREST AND PARK SERVICES

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The Forest Service and Park Service are administered under one director and work together closely to serve the forest management and recreational needs of the people of Maryland. The staff functions are combined yet the integrity of the two units is maintained.

The Forest Service, created by Chapter 348, Acts of 1972, succeeded the Department of Forests and Parks established by Chapter 508, Acts of 1941. The latter department superseded the Board of Forestry created by Chapter 294, Acts of 1906.

The basic mission of the Forest Service is to effectively manage the State's forests and trees while promoting their values for the benefit of people. The goal of the Service is to maintain and improve the economic, aesthetic, recreational, environmental, and social contribution of trees, forests, and forest-related resources to all citizens.

The Forest Service's goal is achieved through three major activities: Cooperative Forest Management, Resources Utilization, and the State Forest System.

Cooperative Forest Management (CFM) takes forest management expertise to the private landowners and the political subdivisions of the State. Forest fire prevention and control, forest insect and disease control, forest land management, forest watershed management, reforestation, and urban and community forestry represent the main thrusts of the program. While such programs as fire prevention and control, reforestation, and the application of technical forestry to individual forest acreages have a long history in the Service, urban and community forestry is, in part, a new program, where the main emphasis will be on working with developers, builders, architects, and city and county planners in careful developmental planning and large-scale forestry projects. Supervision of utility trimming and municipal tree care programs continues to be an important facet of urban and community forestry. The urban forestry concept includes individual shade tree consultations to private landowners, as time permits.

Forty-two percent, or 2,653,200 acres, of Maryland's land area is in forests. A total of 2,280,000 acres of forest lands is in the hands of 95,800 private owners. The Service offers advice and assistance to all landowners in the multiple use development of their woodlands. This service is available to individuals, municipalities, and developers. Timber marking, timber stand improvement, wildlife habitat, tree design for subdivisions, and overall environmental aesthetics are all covered in the Service's Cooperative Forest Management Program (formerly the Technical Forestry and Reforestation Program). The Program also is concerned with the establishment of trees in the environment and to this end operates and maintains the Buckingham Forest Tree Nursery, which produces approximately 4,000,000 seedlings and 3,000 to 5,000 roadside trees annually for distribution in Maryland.

Prevention and control of wildfire in the forests of the State is an important function of sound forest management. Federal and State programs provide for a cooperative effort in this activity. The program is vital not only to the continuance and expansion of the forest industry, but also to the general welfare of the public by providing protection for watersheds, wildlife, park and recreation areas, farms, industries, homes, and the air. The Department is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Forest Fire Compact, which provides for