

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

Chairperson: John C. Murphy, 1984

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The Maryland Environmental Trust was created by Chapter 648, Acts of 1967, to conserve, improve, stimulate, and perpetuate the aesthetic, natural health, scenic, and cultural qualities of the Maryland environment. The Trust is also to encourage the people of the State to appreciate the environment and to promote continuing interest in and study of such matters.

The Trust consists of fifteen trustees, of whom twelve were originally appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms varying from one to four years. As the initial terms expired, the trustees elected successors for four-year terms. The Governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Delegates serve as *ex officio* members. The Commission selects its own officers, the Director of the Trust, and other employees as may be necessary.

The Trust's main program is to obtain donations of conservation easements on certain lands and preserve them from development. By 1982, the Trust had secured seventy-one conservation easements on 15,347 acres.

MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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The Maryland Geological Survey was established by Chapter 73, Acts of 1964, to super-

sede the Department of Geology, Mines, and Water Resources, created by Chapter 508, Acts of 1941, which superseded the State Geological and Economic Survey Advisory Commission, the Water Front Commission, and the Water Resources Commission. The Survey was placed in the Department of Natural Resources by Chapter 154, Acts of 1969.

The Survey is headed by a Director appointed by the Governor upon recommendation of the Secretary of Natural Resources. A Commission composed of five members appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources acts in an advisory capacity to the Director with respect to matters under the jurisdiction of the Survey.

The Survey supervises topographic, geologic, hydrographic, and geophysical surveys. It prepares topographic, geologic, and such other maps as may be necessary to meet specific needs. It makes reports on the extent and character of the State's geologic, mineral, and water resources. The Survey periodically publishes *County Reports*, *County and Quadrangle Atlases*, *Reports of Investigations*, *Basic Data Reports*, *Bulletins*, *Educational Series*, and *Information Circulars*. The Survey also publishes county topographic maps, county geologic maps, a State geologic map, a State planimetric map, and other miscellaneous maps and charts.

In cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Maryland Geological Survey maintains a large data base and conducts applied research on the surface and ground water resources of the State. It also cooperates with the federal Survey in certain geological and geophysical mapping projects. The Survey carries out research and investigations of coastal and estuarine geology related to erosion and sedimentation in the Bay and along the ocean shoreline. As part of its applied earth science research on the Bay, the Survey was one of the principal investigators on the recently completed EPA Chesapeake Bay Program. A 42-foot research vessel, the *RV Discovery*, is used in the continuing Bay research project.

The Division of Archeology was created by Chapter 541, Acts of 1968, to engage in research in the archeology of the State and to encourage and coordinate archeological research and investigation undertaken by other societies, institutions, museums, and organizations. The same Act created an Advisory Committee on Archeology to advise the Survey. The Division is headed by the State Archeologist. The Survey, through its Division of Archeology, grants permits for archeological investigation on lands owned or controlled by the State to any person or institution who, in