

*Ex officio:* William Donald Schaefer, Governor; Gerald W. Winegrad, designee of Senate President; Samuel Q. Johnson III, designee of House Speaker.

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The Maryland Environmental Trust was formed in 1967 to conserve, improve, stimulate, and perpetuate the aesthetic, natural, scenic, and cultural aspects of the Maryland environment (Chapter 648, Acts of 1967). The Trust also promotes appreciation of the environment and continued interest in its care.

The Trust seeks donations of conservation easements to the State on certain lands to preserve the land from development. By 1986, the Trust had secured 111 conservation easements on 21,000 acres.

The Trust consists of fifteen trustees. Three serve *ex officio*. The remaining twelve trustees each year elect three of their own successors for four-year terms. The Trust selects the Director (Code Natural Resources Article, secs. 3-201 through 3-211).

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### ASSISTANT SECRETARY, NATURAL RESOURCES

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Donald E. MacLauchlan, *Assistant Secretary for  
Natural Resources*

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In 1991, the position of Assistant Secretary for Natural Resources was established. The Assistant Secretary oversees four programs, Wildlife, Natural Heritage, Freshwater Fisheries, and Forestry.

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### WILDLIFE PROGRAM

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Gary J. Taylor, *Director*  
974-3195

The Wildlife Program applies modern professional wildlife management techniques both to control and assure continuing wildlife while affording optimum public recreational opportunities compatible with the welfare of wildlife resources. The Program engages in field surveys and research projects to evaluate public demands on wildlife resources, wildlife populations, harvesting parameters, and relevant environmental factors. It constructs ponds (primarily waterfowl habitat) and plants food and cover vegetation. It also manages and protects birds, land-based reptiles and amphibians, and mammals. Under its protection are game species, nongame species, and threatened and endangered wildlife.

The Program develops and manages thirty-two State Wildlife Management Areas (public hunting areas). The Program also manages and administers recreational use of cooperative wildlife areas and some State park areas.

The Program is aided by several advisory bodies among which are the following:

#### WATERFOWL ADVISORY COMMITTEE *Vacancy, Chairperson*

*Appointed by Governor:* Carol Jane Baker; Lee A. Brohawn; Alonzo G. Decker, Jr.; John N. Fisher; E. Hugh Galbreath; William S. James; Ladd Johnson; Matthew C. Perry; Ronald Webster; Michael H. Weir; J. D. Williams; John Zouck.

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The Waterfowl Advisory Committee was formerly the Duck Release Program Advisory Committee. Appointed by the Governor, the Committee works with the Wildlife Program to develop an improved duck release program (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102).

#### WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION *Vacancy, Chairperson*

*Appointed by Governor:* J. Allen Swan, 1991; Fife Symington, 1991; John W. Tieder, Jr., 1991; Edwin F. Hale, 1992; Robert Scrimgeour, 1992; Michale J. Sprague, 1992; C. A. Porter Hopkins, 1993; Bonnie Kelley, 1993; Raymond F. Schoenke, Jr., 1993.

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The Governor appoints the Commission advise the Wildlife Program and the Secretary of Natural Resources on wildlife matters. Members serve four-year terms (Code Natural Resources Article, sec. 1-102).

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### NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM

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Janet McKegg, *Director*  
974-2870

The Natural Heritage Program identifies significant natural areas of the State and sets priorities for their protection. A continuously updated and computerized inventory describes all rare, threatened, and endangered plants and animals, as well as unique and exemplary natural communities. The Program proposes a State listing of the threatened and endangered species and provides assistance to federal, State, and local county agencies and educational institutions concerning ecological resources in Maryland.