

State agencies involved with geographic information systems (GIS) began to meet informally in July 1992. These included the more established users and managers of geographic information systems from the Department of Natural Resources; the Office of Planning; the State Highway Administration of the Department of Transportation; the Department of Housing and Community Development; the Department of the Environment; and the State Archives. The Maryland State Government Geographic Information Coordinating Committee was organized formally by the Governor in January 1993.

The Committee provides a formal mechanism for users and managers of geographic information systems to address issues, such as spatial data standards, data sharing, documentation, and maintenance. The Committee recognizes the need for compatibility and transferability of spatial data between systems that can be achieved only by the cooperation of users of geographic information systems as they design or modify their data collection programs. To avoid duplication of effort, the Committee also seeks to integrate disparate spatial data sets for display or analysis.

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### MARYLAND GREENWAYS COMMISSION

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*Chairperson:* O. James Lighthizer, Secretary of Transportation

*Vice-Chairperson:* Edward T. McMahon, Esq., 1994

*Appointed by Governor (who names chair):* Ralph E. Grossi. *Term expires* 1993.

Gus B. Bauman; Jeffrey A. Bourne; James H. Gilford, Ph.D.; Paula C. Hollinger; W. Ray Huff; Joyce M. Kelly; Douglas E. Moore; Jane T. Nishida, Esq.; Stephen C. Thienel; Stephen F. Wood. *Terms expire* 1994.

Charles B. Adams; Henry S. Baker, Jr.; Daniel B. Brewster; David G. Burwell; Beverly B. Byron; James F. Clark, Jr.; Robert E. Dulli; James W. Gracie; William J. Howard; Wayne A. Klockner; Hans F. Mayer; Joseph J. McCann; Sally J. Michel; Grace Rymer. *Terms expire* 1995.

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The Governor created the Maryland Greenways Commission in March 1990. The Commission is to analyze the feasibility of integrating a new system of interconnecting recreational trails and wildlife corridors to the existing framework of protective buffers along Maryland's waterways. These greenways would be corridors of open space that follow streams, ridgetops, rivers, or other linear features for recreation and conservation purposes.

Maryland has the framework in place for a greenways network. The Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Canal, the Appalachian Trail, Patapsco Valley State Park, and the lower Pocomoke River are all greenways. Trail systems like the Northern Central Railroad Trail and Anne Arundel County's Baltimore and Annapolis (B&A) Trail are recreational greenway connectors. Greenways can be publicly owned to provide recreation opportunities or privately owned to provide wildlife habitat and water quality enhancement.

The Commission has developed a blueprint for a network of greenways in urban and rural areas throughout the State. The Commission also is implementing a model project along the Patapsco River.

In June 1990, the Commission submitted a preliminary report of findings and recommendations to the Governor. In December 1992, the Commission published *Maryland Greenways Atlas*, which shows protected lands and greenway corridors in each county.

Appointed by the Governor, the Commission consists of up to thirty members who represent State and local government, conservation and community groups, and business. Members serve two-year terms. The Commission is assisted by a local liaison from each county and Baltimore City.

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### HART-MILLER ADVISORY BOARD

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The Governor appointed the Hart-Miller Advisory Board in 1981. The Board monitors the construction of the Hart-Miller Spoils Area Dike and advises the Governor of any problems in construction or operation.