



Department of Natural Resources

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Secretary Mark Belton

Governor Larry Hogan and Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford

Mission and Vision



Mission

The Department of Natural Resources leads Maryland in securing a sustainable future for our environment, society and economy by preserving, protecting, restoring and enhancing the state's natural resources.

Vision

In a sustainable Maryland, we recognize that the health of our society and economy are dependent on the health of our environment. Therefore, we choose to act both collectively and individually to preserve, protect, restore and enhance our environment for this and future generations.

Objectives



- **Sustainable populations** of living resources and aquatic habitat
- **Healthy** Maryland watershed **lands, streams and non-tidal rivers**
- Natural resources **stewardship** opportunities for Maryland's urban and rural citizens
- **Sustainable natural resource-based economies** – forestry, fisheries, recreation

- Conserved and managed statewide network of **ecologically valuable private and public lands**
- Diverse **outdoor recreation** opportunities for Maryland citizens and visitors
- Diverse **workforce** and **efficient operations**

Stakeholders



Every Marylander is a Natural Resources Stakeholder

Less than **1 percent** of the state's annual budget attracts...

- More than **11 million** annual visitors to state parks and millions of visitors to state parks, state forests, wildlife areas and public lands
- **5,500** commercial watermen
- **400** charter boat captains
- **400,000** recreational anglers
- **120,000** hunters
- **184,000** registered boats
- **1.5 million** birdwatchers



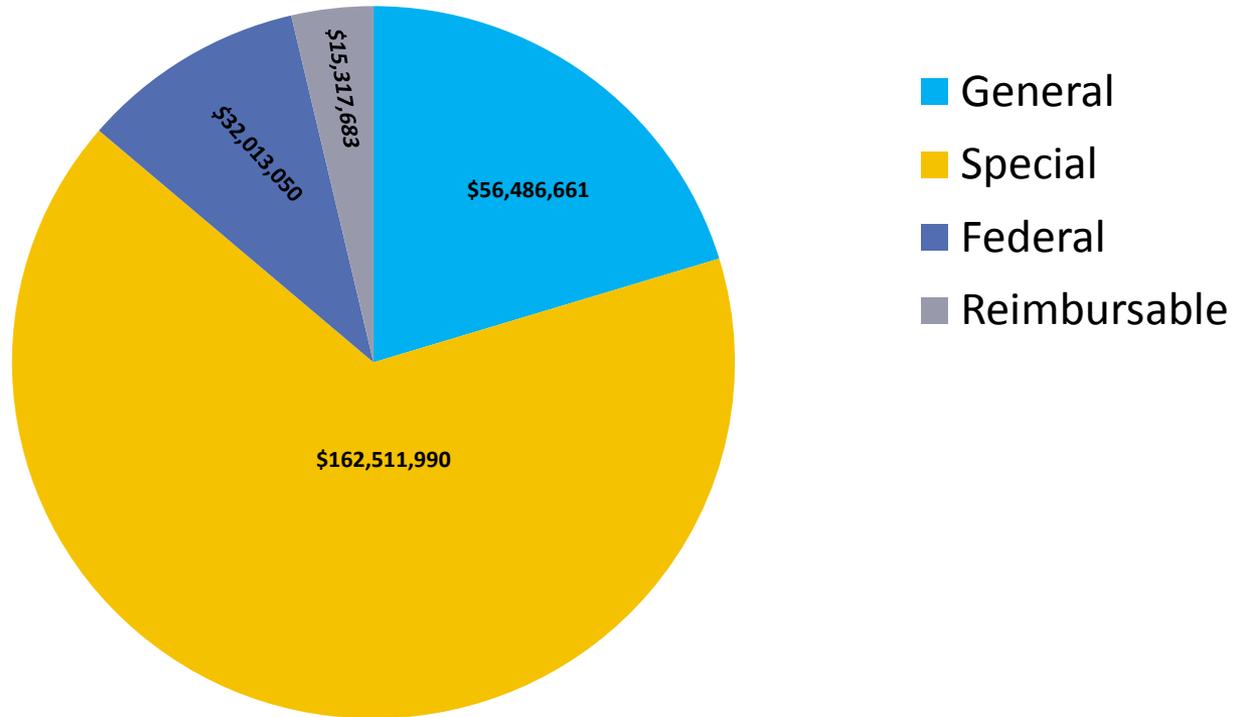
Economic Impact



More than **\$2 billion** annually from bird/wildlife watching, recreational fishing and boating, hunting, park visitation, seafood industry, forest products industry



FY2016 Allowance by Fund



Total: \$266,329,384

Organizational Structure



Fiscal Responsibility



Resolving Long Term Financial Problems Around Public Lands:



Ft. Washington Marina



Days Cove



Love Point

Achievements



- **Natural Resources Police inspected 42,200 boating vessels.**
- **Record-breaking black bear hunt.**
- **Delmarva fox squirrel delisted from endangered and threatened list.**
- **Striped bass juvenile index - eighth highest on record.**
 - **Angler records for snakehead, winter flounder, tautog and chain pickerel.**
- **Secured \$6 million to improve public water access statewide.**
- **Began process to designate Mallow's Bay as a National Marine Sanctuary.**
- **Conserved more than 6,000 acres through our land programs.**
- **Record attendance at our 72 state parks.**
- **Crafted management strategies necessary to achieve the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.**

Economic Expansion



- Increased timber sales
- Added camp sites for public rental
- Expanded tourism destinations
- Added financial sustainable planning efforts to state parks
- Expanded oyster aquaculture industry
- Pursuing off highway vehicle recreational tourism
- Continue to implement striped bass individual transferable quota system
- Continue to provide winter boating operations



Efficiency / Reform



- **Land Conservation Programs**
- **Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund Grant**
- **Public access**
- **Fisheries e-reporting system**
- **Audit workgroup**
- **Chesapeake Bay Cabinet coordination**
- **Customer service team**



Reducing Taxes & Fees



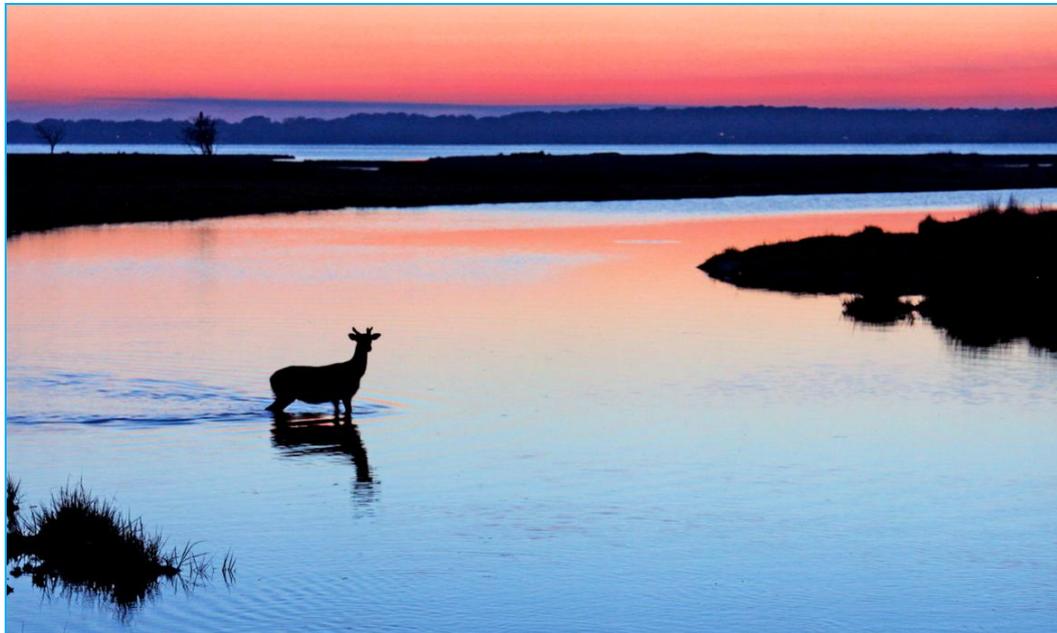
- **Golden Age Pass** holders no longer have to pay a fee to use state park boat launches or ramps. The \$10 pass entitles Maryland adults, ages 62 and older, to a lifetime of free day-use entry into all state parks, as well as half price camping Sunday through Thursday.
- **The Forest Product Operator Licensing Fee**, which requires renewal every year, will be reduced from \$30 to \$20 a year. These licenses are required to engage in a forest products business, including sawmills, firewood dealers, and pulpwood and logging contractors.
- **The Certified Tree Expert Licensing Fee**, which requires renewal every two years, will be reduced from \$25 to \$20. These licenses are required to advertise or practice tree care services in Maryland.
- **The Forest Conservation & Management Program Property Fee**, which requires participating landowners to pay a \$50 fee plus an additional .22 percent enrollment fee on assessed woodland value, will be simplified to a flat \$50 fee.
- **The Game Husbandry Licensing Fee**, which requires renewal every year, will be reduced from \$10 to \$5 a year. The state requires these licenses for anyone who raises, breeds, protects or sells game birds in Maryland.



Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement Management Strategies

Overarching Themes, Strategies and Goals

- Abundant Life
- Clean Water
- Climate Change
- Conserved Lands
- Engaged Communities



Chesapeake Bay Restoration



Oversight Status (May 2015)

	Agriculture:	Urban/Suburban:	Wastewater:	Trading/Offsets:
DE	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Enhanced Oversight	Ongoing Oversight
DC	Not Applicable	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight
MD	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight
NY	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Enhanced Oversight	Ongoing Oversight
PA	Backstop Actions Level	Backstop Actions Level	Ongoing Oversight	Enhanced Oversight
VA	Ongoing Oversight	Enhanced Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight
WV	Enhanced Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight	Ongoing Oversight

Green fading to yellow indicates potential downgrade at end of 2014-2015 milestone period if specific actions are not taken



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