



**Maryland State Reforestation Law Program
Natural Resources Article § 5-103(h)**

Annual Report

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013
(MSAR # 2054)

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Submitted to:
Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee
The Honorable Joan Carter Conway, Chair

House Environmental Matters Committee
The Honorable Maggie L. McIntosh, Chair

Introduction

Natural Resources Article § 5-103 (The Reforestation Law) requires that on or before July 1 of each year, the department or local authority shall submit to the Senate Economic and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee a report on:

- (1) The number and location of each construction activity subject to the requirements of the Reforestation Law;
- (2) The amount and location of acres cleared, conserved, and planted in connection with the activity; and
- (3) The amount of reforestation fees collected and expended (1991, ch. 255, § 2.)

Construction Activities Subject to the Reforestation Law

Projects Reviewed Under NRA 5-103 FY 2013:

Contract#	Agency	County	Watershed	Acres Impacted
KH 1403-000-006	MdTA	Baltimore	Gunpowder Falls	19.02
T200811301	DelDOT	Cecil	Elk River	3.0
Total Acres Impacted				22.02 acres

Amount and Location of Acres Conserved and Planted

Acres Planted and Paid Fee-In-Lieu under NRA 5-103 FY 2013:

Contract#	Agency	County	Watershed	Acres Planted/Paid For
KH 1403-000-006	MdTA	Baltimore	Gunpowder Falls	2.56 acres onsite; \$71,699.76 fee-in-lieu
T200811301	DelDOT	Cecil	Elk River	\$13,068.00 fee-in-lieu
Total Acres Paid Fee-In-Lieu:				\$84,767.76

Amount of Reforestation Fees Collected and Expended

Fees collected: \$84,767.76 (19.46 acres) from Maryland Transportation Authority and Delaware's DOT.
Fees expended: \$0

Grant Program

Any funds in excess of the mitigation obligation for a county or watershed have historically been used to fund a grant program for local governments. In FY 2013, \$0 was granted to local communities via Reforestation Law fee-in-lieu funds.



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December 17, 2013

The Honorable Joan Carter Conway
Chair, Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairman Conway:

We are pleased to provide you with the Maryland Reforestation Law Annual Report. This report summarizes the activities of the State Reforestation Program. Statewide:

- 22.02 acres of existing forest were impacted by two different highway construction agencies: Maryland Transportation Authority and Delaware DOT
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- 2.56 acres of forest were planted by Maryland Transportation Authority
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- Maryland Transportation Authority utilized fee-in-lieu for their remaining acreage and Delaware DOT also utilized fee-in-lieu. Total accepted: \$84,767.76 in Reforestation fees.

This report fulfills the requirement established in Nat. Res. Art. 5-103, Annotated Code of Maryland for Fiscal Year 2013. This report provides important measures of our progress in our effort toward conserving Maryland's forests.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Joseph Gill
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Enclosure

cc: Ryane M. Necessary, Staff Environmental Subcommittee



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