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The Honorable Joan Carter Conway
Chair, Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Submission of Report on Reforestation Law Program for Fiscal Year 2015

Agency: Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Report Authority: §5-103 of the Natural Resources Article (MSAR #2054)

Dear Senator Conway and Delegate Barve:

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

- 95.77 acres of existing forest were impacted by MD State Highway Administration
- 13.89 acres of forest were planted by MD State Highway Administration
- 100.73 acres of forest were planted by MD Forest Service through the Lawn to Woodland program.

This was accomplished utilizing \$314,479.48 of fee-in-lieu payments collected in previous fiscal year(s).

This report fulfills the requirement established in Nat. Res. Art. 5-103, Annotated Code of Maryland for Fiscal Year 2015. This report provides important measures of our progress in our effort toward conserving Maryland's forests.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact DNR's Legislative Director, Rich Norling, directly at 410-260-8112, or by email at rich.norling@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Belton
Secretary

Enclosure

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

Annual Report

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015
(MSAR # 2054)

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Submitted to:
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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 2015:

| Contract# | Agency | County | Watershed | Acres Impacted |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| AA2705130 – WS 02-13-10 | SHA | Anne Arundel | n/r | 1.13 acres |
| AA2265176 – WS 02-13-10 | SHA | Anne Arundel | n/r | 1.75 acres |
| AA2695176 – WS 02-13-10 | SHA | Anne Arundel | n/r | 1.00 acres |
| AT0865182 – WS 02-13-10 | SHA | Anne Arundel | n/r | 1.38 acres |
| PG6185370 – WS 02-14-02 | SHA | Prince George's | n/r | 26.93 acres |
| PG1085174 – WS 02-13-11 | SHA | Prince George's | n/r | 1.81 acres |
| PG7005170 – WS 02-14-02 | SHA | Prince George's | n/r | 14.08 acres |
| BA9785226 – WS 02-13-09 | SHA | Baltimore | n/r | 12.38 acres |
| BA7275172 – WA 02-13-09 | SHA | Baltimore | n/r | 9.80 acres |
| CL2135176 – WS 02-14-03 | SHA | Carroll | n/r | 1.48 acres |
| CE4495176 – WS 02-13-06 | SHA | Cecil | n/r | 1.33 acres |

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|-----------------------------|-----|-----------|-----|--------------------|
| WO6365170 – WS 02-13-01 | SHA | Worcester | n/r | 22.7 acres |
| Total Acres Impacted | | | | 95.77 acres |

Amount and Location of Acres Conserved and Planted

Acres Planted and Paid Fee-In-Lieu under NRA 5-103 FY 2015:

| Contract# | Agency | County | Watershed | Acres Planted/Paid For |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| AT0615124 – WS 02-13-05 | SHA | Anne Arundel | n/r | 4.77 acres |
| PG6325224 – WS 02-13-11 | SHA | Prince George's | n/r | 2.89 acres |
| AL4405177 – WS 02-14-10 | SHA | Allegany | n/r | 0.34 acres |
| HA3345177 – WS 02-12-02 | SHA | Harford | n/r | 1.00 acres |
| GA3505130 – WS 05-02-02 | SHA | Garrett | n/r | 1.50 acres |
| FR2255181 – WS 02-14 -03 | SHA | Frederick | n/r | 1.26 acres |
| HO4725176 – WS 02-13-09 | SHA | Howard | n/r | 2.13 acres |
| Total Acres | | | | 13.89 acres |
| Total Acres Paid Fee-In-Lieu: | | | | \$0 |

Amount of Reforestation Fees Collected and Expended

Fees collected: \$0.00 (0 acres)

Fees expended: \$314,479.48; planted 100.73 acres; planting accomplished through Lawn to Woodland program.

Acres planted may reflect previous years' forest acres impacted and not current year.

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 2014, \$0 was granted to local communities via Reforestation Law fee-in-lieu funds.