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July 28, 2016

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

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

**RE: Submission of Report on Reforestation Law Program for Fiscal Year 2016**

**Agency:** Maryland Department of Natural Resources

**Report Authority:** §5-103 of the Natural Resources Article (MSAR #10401)

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:

- 168.85 acres of existing forest were impacted by MD State Highway Administration
- 6.01 acres of forest were planted by MD State Highway Administration
- 77.45 acres of forest were planted by MD Forest Service through the Lawn to Woodland program and other plantings on public lands. This was accomplished utilizing \$146,358.70 of fee-in-lieu payments collected in previous fiscal year(s).

This report fulfills the requirement established in Natural Resource Article 5-103, Annotated Code of Maryland for Fiscal Year 2016. 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, Allison Cordell, directly at 410-260-8112, or by email at [Allison.cordell@maryland.gov](mailto:Allison.cordell@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Mark Belton  
Secretary

Enclosure

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

**Annual Report**

**July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016**  
(MSAR # 10401)

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Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

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

House Environment and Transportation Committee  
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## Introduction

Natural Resources Article § 5-103 (The Reforestation Law) requires that on or before September 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 2016:

Contract#	Agency	County	Watershed	Location	Acres Impacted
AA4365371 – WS 02-13-11	SHA	Anne Arundel	n/r	I-295 @ MD 175 Interchange Utility Relocation	2.15 acres
AA4365471 – WA 02-13-11	SHA	Anne Arundel	n/r	MD 175, from Reece Rd to Disney Rd	15.40 acres
CL2255187 – WS 02-13-09	SHA	Carroll	n/r	MD 26, from Emerald Ln to Calvert Way	2.10 acres
CE3395176 – WS 02-13-06	SHA	Cecil	n/r	MD 272, from Rogers Rd to US 40	1.53 acres
HO1415171 – WS 02-13-11	SHA	Howard	n/r	MD 32, from MD 108 to Linden Church Rd	33.20 acres
MO3515172 – WS 02-14-02	SHA	Montgomery	n/r	I-270 @ Watkins Mill Rd	32.86 acres
PG1755170 – WS 02-14-02	SHA	Prince George's	n/r	MD 5 @ Brandywine Rd/MD 373	28.68 acres
PG3335172 – WS 02-14-02	SHA	Prince George's	n/r	Greenbelt Metro Station	20.11 acres
PG7005170 – WS 02-14-02	SHA	Prince George's	n/r	MD 210 @ Kirby Hill/Livingston Rd	9.64 acres
AW8965170 –	SHA	Queen Anne's	n/r	MD 404 Contracts A & B	19.44 acres

WS 02-13-04					
WA2495176 – WS 02-14-05	SHA	Washington	n/r	I-81, from MD 58 to US 40	1.09 acres
WO6355170 – WS 02-13-02	SHA	Worcester	n/r	US 113 Phase IV	2.65 acres
<b>Total Acres Impacted</b>				<b>168.85 acres</b>	

### Amount and Location of Acres Conserved and Planted

#### Acres Planted and Paid Fee-In-Lieu under NRA 5-103 FY 2016:

Contract#	Agency	County	Watershed	Location	Acres Planted/Paid For
AA5805370 – WS 02-13-10	SHA	Anne Arundel	n/r	Fort Meade Golf Course	3.64 acres
DO3485129 – WS 02-13-03	SHA	Dorchester	n/r	Dorchester Maintenance Shop	0.67 acres
WO2035176 - WS 02-13-02	SHA	Worcester	n/r	US 113 J-Turns On-Site planting	1.70 acres
<b>Total Acres</b>				<b>6.01 acres</b>	
<b>Total Acres Paid Fee-In-Lieu:</b>				<b>\$0</b>	

### Amount of Reforestation Fees Collected and Expended

Fees collected: \$0.00 (0 acres)

Fees expended: Total: 146,358.70; planted 77.45 ac.

\$125,933; planted 69.95 acres; planting accomplished through Lawn to Woodland program.

\$20,425.70; planted 7.5 acres; plantings at MD School for Blind in Baltimore City and Point  
Lookout State Park.

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