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September 28, 2018

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

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

**RE: Submission of Report on Reforestation Law Program for Fiscal Year 2017**

**Agency:** Maryland Department of Natural Resources

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

Dear Chairs:

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

- 33.28 acres of existing forest were impacted by Maryland State Highway Administration
- 11.14 acres of forest were planted by Maryland State Highway Administration
- 7.5 acres of forest were planted by Maryland Forest Service on public lands. This was accomplished utilizing \$20,425.70 of fee-in-lieu payments collected in previous fiscal year(s).
- To respond to forest health emergencies and disaster debris management, a \$35,000 portable mill was purchased.

This report fulfills the requirement established in Natural Resource Article 5-103, Annotated Code of Maryland for Fiscal Year 2017. 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 and Constituent Services 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, 2016 - June 30, 2017**  
(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 30 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 2017:

Contract#	Agency	County	Watershed	Location	Acres Impacted
CA4135370 – WS02-13-10	SHA	Calvert	n/r	MD2/4 Fox Run Blvd to Commerce Ln	4.75 acres
FR5105230 - WS02-14-03	SHA	Frederick	n/r	US15/MD76 Interchange Improvements)	1.05 acres
FR1155130 – WS02-14-03	SHA	Frederick	n/r	MD26 @ Old Annapolis Rd/Water Street Rd	1.24 acres
FR5595180 – WS02-14-03	SHA	Frederick	n/r	Bridge #1008400 on Urbana Pike	1.30 acres
MO7465171 – WS02-13-11	SHA	Montgomery	n/r	Brookville Bypass	24.94 acres
<b>Total Acres Impacted</b>				<b>33.28 acres</b>	

## Amount and Location of Acres Conserved and Planted

### Acres Planted and Paid Fee-In-Lieu under NRA 5-103 FY 2017:

Contract#	Agency	County	Watershed	Location	Acres Planted/Paid For
AW8965171– WS02-13-04	SHA	Caroline	n/r	MD 404 Dualization	4.30 acres
CE4035174 – WS02-13-06	SHA	Cecil	n/r	Elk Neck State Park	0.40 acres
QA2655170 – WS02-13-05	SHA	Queen Anne	n/r	MD301/MD304 Interchange	1.74 acres
<b>Total Acres</b>				<b>11.14 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: \$55,425.70; planted 7.5 ac.

- \$20,425.70; planted 7.5 acres; plantings at MD School for Blind in Baltimore City and Point Lookout State Park.
- \$35,000; purchased a portable mill for disaster debris management [NRA 5-103(e)(ii)]

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