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February 8, 2021

The Honorable Paul Pinsky
Chair, Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
3 West Miller Senate Office Building
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 2020
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 for Fiscal Year 2020. This report summarizes the activities of the State's Reforestation Law Program and fulfills the requirement established in Natural Resources Article 5-103, Annotated Code of Maryland for Fiscal Year 2020.

If you would like any additional information, please feel free to contact James W. McKittrick, Director, Legislative and Constituent Services at 443-510-5013 or jamesw.mckittrick@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio
Secretary

Enclosure

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

Annual Report

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020
(MSAR #10401)

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Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Submitted to:
Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs 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 Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House Environmental and Transportation 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;
- (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 FY20:

Contract#	Agency	County	Watershed	Location	Forest Acres Impacted
PG9345187	State Highway Administration ("SHA")	Prince George's	02-13-11	MD 23 @ Dower House Rd	1.47
CL1755130	SHA	Carroll	02-14-03	MD 140 @ Mayberry Rd	2.83
AL2345176	SHA	Allegany	02-14-05	MD 135 Slope Repair	1.88
<i>SHA Sub Total</i>					<i>6.18</i>
KH 3028-000	Maryland Transportation Authority ("MdTA")	Harford	02-13-07	I-95 ELT NB extension- Carsins Run Stream Restoration	1.43
KH 3014-000	MdTA	Baltimore	02-13-08	I-95 ETI Section 200 SB Noise Wall	1.56
KH 3029-000	MdTA	Harford	02-13-07	Abingdon Rd Overpass Replacement	0.9
KH 3023-000	MdTA	Harford	02-13-07	I-95 ETL NB Ext Phase II – MD 24/924 Park N Ride	1.80
<i>MdTA Sub Total</i>					<i>5.69</i>
Total Acres Impacted (under FY20 review)					11.87

Amount and Location of Acres Conserved and Planted

Acres Planted and Paid Fee-In-Lieu under NRA 5-103 FY 2020:

Contract#	Agency	County	Watershed	Location	Forest Acres Impacted	Acres Planted	Acres owed	Acres Fee-in-lieu
PG9345187	SHA	Prince George's	02-13-11	See above	1.47			\$6,403.32
CL1755130	SHA	Carroll	02-14-03	See above	2.83			\$12,327.48
AL2345176	SHA	Allegany	02-14-05	See above	1.88			\$8,189.28
<i>SHA Sub Total</i>					<i>6.18</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>\$26,920.08</i>
KH 3028-000	MdTA	Harford	02-13-07	See above	1.43	1.43		
KH 3014-000	MdTA	Baltimore	02-13-08	See above	1.56	1.56		
KH 3029-000	MdTA	Harford	02-13-07	See above	0.9	0.9		
KH 3023-000	MdTA	Harford	02-13-07	See above	1.8	1.8		
<i>MdTA Sub Total</i>					<i>5.69</i>	<i>5.69</i>		<i>\$0.00</i>
Total Forest Acres Impacted & Mitigated FY20					5.69			

Total Acres Planted by SHA FY20			0		
Total Acres Planted by MdTA FY20				5.69	
Total Acres Owed (fee-in-lieu) FY20			6.18		\$26,920.08
Total Acres Paid Fee-In-Lieu:					\$26,920.08

Amount of Reforestation Fees Collected and Expended

Fees collected: \$26,920.08 (5.69 acres)

Fees expended from previous years' fees:

- Urban & Community Forestry Grant
 - o Two grants issued to government, nonprofit for educational event and material (Fall 2019)
 - Total \$1,600; volunteer hours: 1,152
- Funds used were remaining dollars after the required mitigation acres were planted.
 - o 5 grants issued to governments, colleges and nonprofits statewide (Spring 2020)
 - Total awarded only**: \$3,768; to be planted 104
 - Matched by applicants: \$9,902 and 9,552 volunteer hours
 - Due to COVID-19, the five grants awarded in Spring 2020 were not used to plant acreage and were not reimbursed.

***Funds spent/acres planted may reflect previous years and not current year's forest acres impacted.