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MARYLAND STATE REFORESTATION LAW PROGRAM

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Natural Resources Article § 5-103(h)

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September 10, 2025

The Honorable Brian Feldman
Education, Energy and Environment Committee
2W Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Marc Korman
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 2024
Agency: Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Report Authority: §5-103(h) of the Natural Resources Article (MSAR #10401)

Dear Chairs:

Enclosed is a revised Maryland Reforestation Law Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024. We found a correction that was needed in the amount and location of acres conserved and planted and wanted to update the report.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact Lydia McPherson, Director, Legislative and Constituent Services at 410-260-8113 or Lydia.Mcpherson1@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

Josh Kurtz
Secretary

Enclosure

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Introduction

Natural Resources Article (NRA) § 5-103 (Reforestation Law) requires that on or before September 1 of each year, the department or local authority shall submit to the Senate Education, Health & 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; 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 FY24:

Contract#	Agency	Watershed	Location	Forest Acres Impacted
WA4435180	SHA	02-14-05	I-70 Roadway & Bridge Improvements from West of I-81 to Bower Avenue	10.4
AA8665174	SHA	02-13-10	Structure 0200575.001 - MD 100 Outfall Stabilization & Restoration	1.21
PG6265176	SHA	02-14-12	MD 223 @ Floral Park Rd, Intersection Improvements	1.35
	<i>SHA Sub Total</i>			<i>12.96</i>
Total Acres Impacted (under FY24 review)				12.96

Amount and Location of Acres Conserved and Planted

Acres Planted and Paid Fee-In-Lieu under NRA 5-103 FY24:

Contract#	Agency	Watershed	Location	Forest Acres Impacted	Acres Planted	Acres owed	Acres (Fee-in-lieu)
GA6465270	SHA	02-14-10	US 219 from I-68 to Old Salisbury Rd.	35.5	35.5	0	-
<i>SHA Sub Total</i>				<i>35.5</i>	<i>35.5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-</i>
Total Acres Impacted in previous years and mitigated in FY24)				<i>35.5</i>	<i>35.5</i>	<i>0</i>	
Total Forest Acres Impacted & Mitigated FY24			12.96 ac				
Total Acres Impacted by SHA FY24			12.96 ac				
Total Acres Impacted by MDTA FY24			0.0 ac				
Total Acres Planted by SHA FY24					35.5		
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Total Acres Planted by MDTA FY24					
Total Acres Owed (fee-in-lieu) by MDTA FY24				0	\$ Pending
Total Acres Paid Fee-In-Lieu:					0

Amount of Reforestation Fees Collected and Expended

Fees collected FY24: \$0 (0 acres) *Pending completion of construction.

Fees expended from previous years' fees:

Urban & Community Forestry Grant

- Thirty-two grants issued:
- Total awarded: \$77,145.38; trees planted: 588

Funds used were remaining dollars after the required mitigation acres were planted.

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