

Reforestation Law Program

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Natural Resources Article § 5-103(h)

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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 2025
Agency: Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Report Authority: §5-103(h) 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 2025. This report summarizes the activities of the State's Reforestation Law Program and fulfills the requirement established in the Natural Resources Article 5-103, Annotated Code of Maryland for Fiscal Year 2025.

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 and Environmental Affairs Committee [now the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee] and the House Environmental Matters Committee [now the House Environment 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 FY25:

Contract#	Agency	Watershed	Location	Forest Acres Impacted
SM2105171	SHA	02-14-01	MD 5, from MD 246 to MD 471 Roadway Improvements	3.37
SO1945488	SHA	02-13-02	MD 413 Shared Use Path Phase II	5.24
WA4665180	SHA	02-14-05	I-70 over St. Paul Rd., Bridge Replacement	2.44
	<i>SHA Sub Total</i>			<i>13.32</i>
Total Acres Impacted (under FY25 review)				13.32

Amount and Location of Acres Conserved and Planted

Acreage Planted and Paid Fee-In-Lieu under NRA 5-103 FY25:

Contract#	Agency	Watershed	Location	Forest Acres Impacted	Acres Planted	Acres owed	Acres (Fee-in-lieu)
HA3345271	SHA	02-12-02	MD 24 Section G @ Sharon Rd	2	2	0	-
MO7465171	SHA	02-14-02	MD 97 - Brookville Bypass	24.94	5.08	19.86	
<i>SHA Sub Total</i>				<i>26.94</i>	<i>7.08</i>	<i>19.86</i>	<i>-</i>
Total Acres Impacted in previous years and mitigated in FY25)				<i>13.94</i>	<i>12.08</i>	<i>1.86</i>	
Total Forest Acres Impacted & Mitigated FY25			26.24 ac				
- Total Acres Impacted by SHA FY25			40.26 ac				
- Total Acres Impacted by MDTA FY25			0.0 ac				

- Total Acres Planted by SHA FY25	26.24				
- Total Acres Planted by MDTA FY25			-		
Total Acres Owed (fee-in-lieu) by MDTA FY25				0	
Total Acres Paid Fee-In-Lieu:					0

Amount of Reforestation Fees Collected and Expended

Fees collected FY25: \$0 (0 acres) *Pending completion of construction.

Fees expended from previous years' fees:

Urban & Community Forestry Grant

- Grants issued: 20
- Total awarded: \$48,222.69; trees planted: 758

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.

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