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August 28, 2015

The Honorable Joan Carter Conway
Chair, Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West
11 Baden St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

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

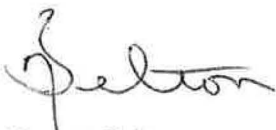
Re: Submission of Report on MD State Tree Expert Licensing Program for Fiscal Year 2015
Agency: Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Report Authority: § 5-419 of the Natural Resources Article (MSAR #8970)

Dear Senator Conway and Delegate Barve:

We are pleased to provide you with the Maryland State Tree Expert Licensing Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015. This report summarizes the activities of the Maryland Licensed Tree Expert Program and fulfills the requirement established in Natural Resources Article § 5-419 for Fiscal Year 2015.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact DNR's Legislative Director, Rich Norling, directly at 410-260-8112 or by email at rich.norling@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



Mark J. Belton
Secretary

Enclosure

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**Maryland State Tree Expert Licensing Annual Report
Natural Resources Article § 5-419(c)**

Annual Report

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015
(MSAR #8970)

Submitted by:
Mark J. Belton
Secretary, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

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

House Environment and Transportation Committee
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Introduction

Natural Resources Article § 5-419.(c) (Tree Expert Licensing Laws) states that the Secretary shall submit an annual report on:

- (1) The number of licenses issued;
- (2) The program receipts; and,
- (3) The program expenses for each fiscal year (1957, art 66C, sec. 405; 1973, 1st Sp. Sess., ch. 4, sec. 1.)

Number of Licenses Issued

The Department both renewed and issued new licenses for a total of 1,339 licenses.

Program Receipts

Revenues posted to Source Code 5340, Tree Expert Licenses, **total: \$18,153.65**

Revenue sources include examination fees and license renewal fees.

Program Expenses

An Administrative Specialist (Grade 12, Step 17) 40% of time,	total: \$20,483
Program expenses,	total: \$ 1,300
	Total: \$21,783

Please note that Program Supervisor salary and investigative costs from MD Forest Service and Natural Resources Police are not included in these figures.