

1 2-902.

2 (A) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND OFFICE OF TRAILS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

3 (2) THE PHYSICAL LOCATION OF THE OFFICE SHALL BE WITHIN THE
4 DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS.

5 (B) THE OFFICE SHALL:

6 (1) DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE MARYLAND TRAILS PLAN TO
7 FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, MANAGEMENT,
8 USE, AND PROMOTION OF THE MARYLAND TRAILS NETWORK;

9 (2) COORDINATE WITH THE FOLLOWING PERSONS TO IDENTIFY OR
10 ESTABLISH FUNDING SOURCES TO DEVELOP, CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN, MANAGE, AND
11 PROMOTE THE MARYLAND TRAILS NETWORK:

12 (I) THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE;

13 (II) THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES;

14 (III) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION;

15 (IV) THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT;

16 (V) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;

17 (VI) THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING;

18 (VII) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;

19 (VIII) THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE;

20 (IX) THE OFFICE OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT;

21 (X) RELEVANT FEDERAL AGENCIES;

22 (XI) LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;

23 (XII) THE DIRECTOR OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS;

24 (XIII) RELEVANT METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS;

25 AND

(1) When considering the development, construction, maintenance, management, use, and promotion of the Maryland Trails Network, the Office shall take into consideration equestrian use, and shall permit such use except as prohibited by law or regulation.

(IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;

(V) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING;

(VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;

(VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION;

→ ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY BOARD

(VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF TOURISM DEVELOPMENT;

(IX) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION;

(X) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION;

(XI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A RURAL REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL FOR AN AREA THAT IS NOT PART OF A METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION;

(XII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES;

(XIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE;

(XIV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF BIKE MARYLAND;

(XV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF MID-ATLANTIC OFF-ROAD ENTHUSIASTS;

→ ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND HORSE COUNCIL

(XVI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A REGIONAL TRAIL COALITION;

(XVII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A TRAIL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION;

(XVIII) ONE CITIZEN MEMBER FROM THE EASTERN SHORE;

1 (XIX) ONE CITIZEN MEMBER FROM WESTERN MARYLAND;

2 (XX) ONE CITIZEN MEMBER FROM SOUTHERN MARYLAND;

3 (XXI) TWO CITIZEN MEMBERS FROM THE BALTIMORE
4 METROPOLITAN AREA;

5 (XXII) TWO CITIZEN MEMBERS FROM THE WASHINGTON
6 METROPOLITAN AREA; AND

7 (XXIII) UP TO SIX CITIZEN MEMBERS WHO REPRESENT THE
8 INTERESTS OF BICYCLISTS, PEDESTRIANS, AND THE DISABLED COMMUNITY,
9 INCLUDING: ^{↑ EQUESTRIANS}

10 1. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
11 VISUALLY IMPAIRED; AND

12 2. ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
13 MOBILITY IMPAIRED.

14 (2) ONE OF THE CITIZEN MEMBERS APPOINTED UNDER PARAGRAPH
15 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL HAVE EXPERTISE IN BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
16 SAFETY.

17 (3) THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION MAY NOT EXCEED
18 30 MEMBERS.

19 (C) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.

20 (D) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.

21 (2) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED.

22 (3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL
23 A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.

24 (4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SHALL
25 SERVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM OR UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED
26 AND QUALIFIES.

27 (E) THE COMMISSION MAY ADOPT PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO ENSURE
28 THE ORDERLY TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

1 (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD REGULAR MEETINGS AS IT CONSIDERS
2 APPROPRIATE.

3 (G) A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION:

4 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
5 COMMISSION; BUT

6 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
7 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

8 (H) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE FOLLOWING
9 ENTITIES TO PROVIDE STAFF, ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, AND OPERATING
10 EXPENSES FOR THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET:

11 (1) THE OFFICE;

12 (2) THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE;

13 (3) THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES;

14 (4) THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT;

15 (5) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;

16 (6) THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING; AND

17 (7) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

18 (I) THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO STATE AGENCIES
19 REGARDING:

20 (1) THE FUNDING OF TRAIL-RELATED PROGRAMS;

21 (2) THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE MARYLAND
22 TRAILS PLAN;

23 (3) PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AWARENESS OF TRAIL-RELATED
24 ACTIVITIES AND TRAIL SAFETY, INCLUDING;

25 (4) POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE CHANGES NECESSARY FOR TRAIL
26 DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE; AND

(l) Providing education and outreach to increase awareness of responsible use of trails, including appropriate and safe interaction between and among various users and user groups such as hikers, bicyclists, horseback riders and others.