

Jonathan Daryl Anthony



J. Daryl Anthony is now retired after serving for 35 years with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Anthony's most recent position within DNR was Assistant Secretary for Land Resources. In that position, Anthony and the DNR team managed over 475,000 acres of public lands and protected open space in Maryland from Swallow Falls State Park in the Alleghenies to the Pocomoke River State Forest on the Eastern Shore. The Department's public lands represent some of the most significant natural, cultural, ecological and recreational landscapes found in this state. Each year, over twelve million visitors enjoy the Department's public lands. Anthony was responsible for the day-to-day operation of Maryland's Program Open Space, Maryland Forest Service, Maryland Park Service,

Land Acquisition and Planning, Engineering and Construction, Maryland Environmental Trust, and the Wildlife and Heritage Service. Anthony's accomplishments include the acquisition of thousands of acres of new park lands, implementing new outdoor education programs, expanding recreational adventure opportunities throughout the state and strengthening the relationships between local, state and federal partners.

Prior to the Assistant Secretary position, Anthony served as a police certified, State Park Ranger within the Maryland Park Service. His career began in 1983 at Patapsco Valley State Park in Howard County. He promoted within the park service from Ranger, to Corporal, Sergeant, First Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Major. As a Major, Anthony was assigned as the Regional Manager for the southern region (1999), central region (2006), and the western region (2012).

Anthony earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Frostburg State University in 1986. He also graduated from the Police Academy in 1987 and continued to maintain his police officer certification until January 2017.

Anthony has recently served on several boards including the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Advisory Council, the Chesapeake Conservancy Partnership, the Friends of Carrie Murray Nature Center in Baltimore City, NorthBay Adventures in Cecil County and the Maryland Off Highway Vehicle Alliance.

Anthony has received numerous recognition and accolades including the Wye Oak Legacy Award, recognizing his exceptional service to the Maryland Park Service (December 2017), and the Edmund Prince Ranger Award for epitomizing the role of the Ranger and personifying the culture, heritage and tradition of the Maryland Park Service. The award also recognized Anthony's performance above and beyond the call of Duty.

Anthony, 23year Howard County resident, is a proud husband of 28 years and parent of 2 children, both graduates of Maryland Universities. The entire Anthony family considers themselves to be outdoor enthusiasts. They spend much of their free time biking, camping, hiking, fishing, kayaking, and birding. All of which can easily be accomplished in amazing Howard County!