



Dry Hydrant Installation Program Maryland DNR Forest Service – 2004

National Fire Plan funding helped the Maryland DNR Forest Service with a statewide dry fire hydrant hazard mitigation grant program in cooperation with rural volunteer fire departments. In 2003, a request for proposals was sent out to volunteer fire departments across the state targeting areas rated as moderate or high risk in the states Wildfire Risk Assessment project. By June 2004 twenty-three dry fire hydrants were installed by fourteen fire departments in eight counties.

A second request for proposal was sent out in 2004 and twenty-seven fire departments received grant awards for the installation of 52 additional dry hydrants in thirteen counties. Hydrants awarded in this round are expected to be installed by spring 2005.

A third round of grants is anticipated in 2005 with project completion in 2006. All new dry hydrant locations along with existing dry hydrants are being



mapped and a location atlas is anticipated to be produced for use by all jurisdictions.

Communities Assisted in 2004:

Accident Boonsboro Church Creek Crumpton Flintstone Frostburg Hooper's Island LaVale Level Mount Savage Sharpsburg Stevensville West Friendship Whiteford

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