Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio, Secretary Maryland Department of Natural Resources



Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio is an Eastern Shore native, born and raised in Talbot County, Maryland. She earned a degree in Political Science from Salisbury University with a focus on environmental policy and international affairs.

In 2003, she was appointed to the Maryland House of Delegates making her the youngest woman in the nation to serve at the state level at that time. While in the House of Delegates, her committee assignments included the Economic Matters Committee, the Public Utilities Subcommittee, and the Joint Committee on Federal Relations covering Maryland policy on the economy, natural resources, agriculture, energy, labor, insurance, and the environment. In 2014, she joined the Hogan administration as Deputy Chief of Staff, where she advised on similar issues.

Her work experience has been in the public, private, and non profit sectors including the Maryland Department of the Environment's Air and Radiation Management Administration and the National Audubon Society (Maryland-DC Office).

She was appointed Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in March 2019.