

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 8-801.1, 8-803, 8-803.1, and 8-806

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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Article – Environment

Section 9-1601, 9-1604, 9-1611, 9-1616, and 9-1617

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BY adding to

Article – Environment

Section 9-1605.2

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Agriculture

8-801.1.

(a) (1) Each nutrient management plan shall be developed considering factors including:

(i) Levels of bioavailable nitrogen and phosphorus in the soil;

(ii) Levels of bioavailable nitrogen and phosphorus in all fertilizer materials to be applied;

(iii) The amount of nitrogen and phosphorus necessary to achieve the expected crop yield for the land that is the subject of the nutrient management plan, as determined by:

1. The field's actual yield record and soil productivity for that crop; or

2. If information concerning actual yield record and soil productivity for a crop is unavailable, relevant information concerning similar fields and soil;

(iv) Soil erodibility and nutrient retention capacity;

(v) 1. The best reasonable scientific methods accepted by the Department and the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service; OR