

level, access roads, and recreational facilities may not be part of the program or project.
8-904.

When the General Assembly determines that it is necessary to acquire interests or rights in real property for sound and proper land and watershed management or for any other purpose in the public interest, the State may acquire these interests or rights by purchase, gift, grant, or lease[,] of any property interest. To achieve these purposes the Department may receive, expend, and otherwise administer any contribution, donation, or appropriation[,] which is made available by the United States, the State, any political subdivision, or any person.

8-9A-01.

(a) In this subtitle[,] the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(f) "Flood hazard area" means an area of tidal or nontidal inundation resulting from a 100-year flood event and established pursuant to the provisions of § 8-9A-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(g) "100-year flood event" or "100-year flood" means a flood that has a 1 [percent]% chance of being equalled or exceeded in any given year.

(i) "Subdivision" means:

(1) [any] ANY county, including Baltimore City[.]; AND

(2) [The term "subdivision" also means any] ANY incorporated municipality which has the authority to adopt and enforce land use and control measures for the areas within its jurisdiction.

8-9A-02.

(a) The General Assembly finds and declares that:

(1) [recurrent] RECURRENT flooding of a portion of the State's land resources causes loss of life, damage to property, disruption of commerce and governmental services, and unsanitary conditions, all of which are detrimental to the health, safety, welfare, and property of the occupants of flood hazard areas of the State;

(2) [considerable] CONSIDERABLE public costs are incurred through the emergency preparedness program[,] and by replacing public utilities and other public capital investments destroyed or damaged by floods;

(3) [flood] FLOOD waters disregard jurisdictional boundaries; and

(4) [the] THE public interest necessitates management of waters and flood hazard areas for the objectives of preventing and alleviating flood threats to life and health, reducing private and public economic losses, and to the extent possible, preserving the biological values associated with these land and water resources.

(b) The policy and purposes of this subtitle are: