

(1) [Minimize] TO MINIMIZE adverse impacts on water quality that result from pollutants that are discharged from structures or conveyances or that have run off from surrounding lands;

(2) [Conserve] TO CONSERVE fish, wildlife, and plant habitat; and

(3) [Establish] TO ESTABLISH land use policies for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area which accommodate growth and also address the fact that, even if pollution is controlled, the number, movement, and activities of persons in that area can create adverse environmental impacts.

(c) At a minimum, a program sufficient to meet the goals stated in subsection (b) OF THIS SECTION includes:

(8) Designation of shoreline [areas] AREAS, if [any] ANY, that are suitable for parks, hiking, biking, wildlife refuges, scenic drives, public access or assembly, and water-related recreation such as boat slips, piers, and beaches;

(d) (1) (I) The Commission shall [promulgate] ADOPT by regulation on or before December 1, 1985[,] criteria for program development and approval, which are necessary or appropriate to achieve the standards stated in subsection (b) of this section. Prior to developing its criteria and also prior to adopting its criteria, the Commission shall hold at least 6 regional public hearings, [one] 1 in each of the following areas:

- [(i)] 1. Harford, Cecil, and Kent counties;
- [(ii)] 2. Queen Anne's, Talbot, and Caroline counties;
- [(iii)] 3. Dorchester, Somerset, and Wicomico counties;
- [(iv)] 4. Baltimore City and Baltimore County;
- [(v)] 5. Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties; and
- [(vi)] 6. Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties.

(II) During the hearing process, the Commission shall consult with each affected local jurisdiction.

(3) The Joint Committee may study and make recommendations to the Legislative Policy Committee on any other area of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Program [it] THE JOINT COMMITTEE considers appropriate.

(e) Nothing in this section shall impede or prevent the dredging of any waterway in a critical area. However, dredging in a critical area is subject to other applicable federal and State laws[, rules,] and regulations.

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(b) When locating new intensely developed or limited development areas, local jurisdictions shall use the following guidelines: