

**Article - Natural Resources**

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(a) (1) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Commission" means the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission established in this subtitle.

(3) "Development" means any activity that materially affects the condition or use of dry land, land under water, or any structure.

~~(4) "DEVELOPMENT AREA DESIGNATION" MEANS THE DESIGNATION OF LAND IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA AS INTENSELY DEVELOPED AREAS OR DISTRICTS, LIMITED DEVELOPMENT AREAS OR DISTRICTS, OR RESOURCE CONSERVATION AREAS OR DISTRICTS, UNDER CRITERIA ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION.~~

~~(5) (4) "GROWTH ALLOCATION" MEANS THE AMOUNT NUMBER OF ACRES OF LAND IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA THAT A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY USE TO CREATE NEW INTENSELY DEVELOPED AREAS AND NEW LIMITED DEVELOPMENT AREAS, BASED ON 5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION AREA IN A COUNTY, AT THE TIME OF THE ORIGINAL APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION OF THE LOCAL JURISDICTION'S PROTECTION PROGRAM, THAT IS NOT TIDAL WETLAND OR OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.~~

[(4)] (6) (5) "Includes" means includes or including by way of illustration and not by way of limitation.

(6) "LAND CLASSIFICATION" MEANS THE DESIGNATION OF LAND IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION AS AN INTENSELY DEVELOPED AREA OR DISTRICT, A LIMITED DEVELOPMENT AREA OR DISTRICT, OR A RESOURCE CONSERVATION AREA OR DISTRICT.

[(5)] (7) "Local jurisdiction" means a county, or a municipal corporation with planning and zoning powers, in which any part of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area as defined in this subtitle, is located.

[(6)] (8) "Program" means the critical area protection program of a local jurisdiction including any amendments to it.

(9) (I) "PROGRAM AMENDMENT" MEANS ANY CHANGE TO AN ADOPTED PROGRAM THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES WILL RESULT IN A USE OF LAND OR WATER IN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA IN A MANNER NOT PROVIDED FOR IN THE ADOPTED PROGRAM.

(II) "PROGRAM AMENDMENT" INCLUDES A CHANGE TO A