

of this subtitle become effective, each local jurisdiction shall submit to the Commission a written statement of its intent either:

(1) To develop a critical area protection program to control the use and development of that part of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area located within its territorial limits; or

(2) Not to develop such a program.

(b) If a local jurisdiction states its intent not to develop a program or fails to submit a timely statement of intent, the Commission shall prepare and adopt a program for the part of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area in that local jurisdiction.

(c) If a local jurisdiction states its intent to develop a program, it shall prepare a proposed program and submit it to the Commission within 270 days after the effective date of the criteria adopted under § 8-1808 of this subtitle. However, if the local jurisdiction submits evidence satisfactory to the Commission that it is making reasonable progress in the development of a program, the Commission may extend this period for up to an additional 180 days. Before submission of a program to the Commission within the time allowed by this subsection, a local jurisdiction shall hold at least one public hearing on the proposed program, for which 2-weeks notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the local jurisdiction.

(d) (1) Within 30 days after a program is submitted, the Commission shall appoint a panel of 5 of its members to conduct, in the affected jurisdiction, a public hearing on the proposed program.

(2) Within 90 days after the Commission receives a proposed program from a local jurisdiction, it shall either approve the proposal or notify the local jurisdiction of specific changes that must be made in order for the proposal to be approved. If the Commission does [neither] NEITHER, the proposal shall be deemed approved.

(3) A changed proposal shall be submitted to the Commission in the same manner as the original proposal, within 40 days after the Commission's notice. Unless the Commission approves a changed proposal or disapproves a changed proposal and states in writing the reasons for its disapproval within 40 days, the changed proposal shall be deemed approved.

(e) Within 90 days after the Commission approves a proposed program, the local jurisdiction shall hold hearings and adopt the program in accordance with legislative procedures for enacting ordinances. If the governing body of the local jurisdiction wishes to change any part of the approved proposal before adoption, it shall submit the proposed change to the Commission for approval. Unless the Commission approves the change or disapproves the change and states in writing the reasons for its disapproval within 30 days after it receives the change, the change shall be deemed approved. A changed part may not be adopted until it is approved by the Commission.

(f) Within 760 days after criteria adopted by the Commission become effective,