

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

House Bill No. 1302

AN ACT concerning

**Consolidated Land Preservation Act of 1990**

FOR the purpose of establishing within the Department of Natural Resources the Land Trust Grant Fund to be administered by the Maryland Environmental Trust; specifying the purposes for which the Fund may be used; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Maryland Environmental Trust to report annually on the Land Trust Grant Fund to the Governor, certain committees of the General Assembly, and the Department of Fiscal Services; allowing certain uses of State acquisition funds under Program Open Space; authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to enter into certain agreements to acquire property interests from a land trust ~~in~~ for the State, subject to approval by the Board of Public Works; establishing within the Department the Bay Access Areas Fund to be used to acquire sites that provide public access to a body of water; prohibiting the Department from making expenditures from certain funds until certain committees of the General Assembly have approved the release of the funds; altering the time period for periodic revision to a local recreation and parks master plan; requiring that certain legislators be given an opportunity to comment on certain State acquisition projects; requiring the Department to provide certain legislators an opportunity to review and comment on certain proposed local projects and certain revised local plans; requiring a local governing body to use part of its Program Open Space acquisition funds for a local advance option and purchase fund; authorizing a local governing body to use part of its Program Open Space funds for a local land trust grant fund; authorizing a local governing body to enter into certain agreements to acquire property interests from a land trust, subject to certain approvals; providing for reversion to the State of certain local Program Open Space funds if not encumbered within a certain time; altering the time period for periodic revisions to the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation and Land Preservation Plan; requiring the plan to identify and recommend for State acquisition efforts certain areas to be targeted; requiring the Office of Planning to exercise authority as the head agency in coordinating the State's land preservation efforts; altering the required allocation in the State budget of certain transfer tax revenues; permitting the use of Special Fund revenues for salaries and related expenses necessary to administer Program Open Space; prohibiting certain false statements; imposing certain criminal penalties for certain violations; defining certain terms; requiring certain reports; generally relating to the Land Trust Grant Fund; making the provisions of this Act severable; generally relating to the Advance Option and Purchase Fund and the Bay Access Areas Fund; generally relating to certain required appropriations from