

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 3-2A-01 through 3-2A-14, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2A. Land Trust Grant Fund”; 5-901(d-1) and (h-1); and 5-905(c)(5), (6), and (7)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5-901(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1989 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5-903, 5-904, 5-905~~(e)(2)~~ (a), (c)(2), and (d)(1), and 5-906(b)

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BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 5-402(f)

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1988 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 13-209

Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Volume and 1989 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, Maryland has received national attention for its foresight in creating Program Open Space and for its fortitude in establishing separate taxing mechanisms to help finance its land preservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Under Program Open Space and prior land acquisition efforts, Maryland has acquired approximately 467,303 acres of recreational and open space land; and

WHEREAS, The time has come in Maryland to provide new direction to this land preservation program as we approach the 21st Century, consistent with the changing character of the State; and