SECTION AS HAVING ESTABLISHED AN EFFECTIVE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO CERTIFIED COUNTIES UNDER § 2–508.1 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE AND § 13–306 OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE.

(2) A COUNTY THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY USE THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE AS A RESULT OF CERTIFICATION FOR THE PURPOSES STATED UNDER § 2–508.1 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE AND § 13–306 OF THE TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE.

(G) (1) A CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS SECTION IS EFFECTIVE FOR 2 YEARS AND THE DECISION BY THE OFFICE AND THE FOUNDATION AS TO CERTIFICATION IS FINAL WITH NO RIGHT TO APPEAL.

(2) AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTY, THE OFFICE AND THE FOUNDATION SHALL RECERTIFY UNDER THIS SECTION A COUNTY THAT HAS MAINTAINED A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM OF PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OR FINANCIAL ENHANCEMENTS RELATED TO PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS DURING THE PERIOD OF CERTIFICATION.

(H) THE OFFICE AND THE FOUNDATION SHALL JOINTLY ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

(I) THE OFFICE AND THE FOUNDATION SHALL REPORT ON THE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR TO THE GOVERNOR, THE BUDGET COMMITTEES AND THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON WAYS AND MEANS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISCAL SERVICES.

Article – Agriculture

2–504.1.

In each county containing productive agricultural land, the county governing body shall appoint an agricultural preservation advisory board.

(c) Duties of each agricultural preservation advisory board shall be:

(1) To advise the county governing body with respect to the establishment of agricultural districts and the approval of purchases of easements by the foundation within the county;

(2) To assist the county governing body in reviewing the status of agricultural districts and land under easement;

(3) To advise the foundation concerning county priorities for agricultural preservation;

(4) TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE AN APPLICATION BY THE