

procedures for the Board of County Commissioners and other officials and employees of Carroll County for the acquisition of certain "Open Space" or "Open Area" facilities and places and relating generally to "Open Spaces", "Open Areas" and the conservation of natural or scenic resources in Carroll County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Sections 34A through 34LL inclusive, be and they are hereby added to the Code of Public Local Laws of Carroll County (1965 Edition, being Article 7 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Carroll County", subtitle "County Commissioners", to follow immediately after Section 34 thereof, and to be under the new subheading "Open Space Maintenance", and to read as follows:*

**34A. Open Space Maintenance**

*This subheading may be known and cited as the Carroll County Open Space Maintenance Act.*

*34B. Unless the particular provisions of the context otherwise requires, the definitions and provisions contained in this section govern the construction and the meaning and application of words and phrases used in this subheading.*

*(1) "Commissioners" means the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County.*

*(2) "Administrative Assistant" means the Administrative Assistant for the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County.*

*(3) "Assessor" means the Supervisor of Assessments of Carroll County.*

*(4) "Work" or "Improvement", whether used singly or in combination, means and includes the performance of all acts and doing of the things necessary to carry out the purposes of this subheading including the maintenance of open areas and the doing of those acts set forth in Section 34D of this subheading.*

*(5) "Open Space" or "Open Area" means any space or area characterized by great natural scenic beauty or whose existing openness, natural condition, or present state of use, if retained, would enhance the present or potential value of abutting or surrounding urban development, or would maintain or enhance the conservation of natural or scenic resources.*

*(6) "Open Space Maintenance District" or "District" means any district created pursuant to the provisions of this subheading.*

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*The purpose of this subheading is to form districts within Carroll County within which property may be assessed to pay the costs and expenses of improving and maintaining open spaces belonging to the county in such a manner as to conserve their natural condition and scenic beauty which, if preserved, maintained, or developed in their present open state will constitute physical, esthetic or economic assets to existing, impending, abutting or surrounding urban development or which will maintain or enhance the conservation of natural*