

357C.

(a) *For the purposes of Program Open Space, the following terms shall apply.*

(b) *"Subdivision" shall mean counties, municipalities, or any governmental agency thereof, which is charged with providing or which currently provides outdoor public recreation and open space areas.*

(c) *"Local Projects" shall mean acquisition, development, or acquisition and development, of projects sponsored by counties, municipal corporations, or agencies thereof.*

357D.

(a) *All acquisition and development projects funded under the Program must meet needs identified in the "Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan", prepared by the Department of State Planning. Projects contained in the master plan for Recreation and Parks for Baltimore City as adopted by Baltimore City shall be embodied in the "Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan".*

(b) *The funds available under Program Open Space shall be utilized by the State for land acquisition only and by the subdivisions primarily for the acquisition of land. Special exception may be made by the Director of the Department of Forests and Parks regarding development projects of special merit in municipal corporations.*

(c) *Such Federal funds as are available for financing acquisition and development projects shall be used to the maximum extent possible.*

357E.

(a) *One-half of the funds available under this Program shall be appropriated by the General Assembly to these State agencies: The Department of Game and Inland Fish; the Department of Forests and Parks; and the St. Mary's City Commission. These funds shall be used for acquisition projects. A portion of the State's share of the funds available under this program shall be utilized for making grants to Baltimore City for the acquisition of land within Baltimore City which will be part of the Patapsco River Park and the Jones Falls-Cylburn Park. These grants shall be in addition to any funds that Baltimore City is eligible to receive under subsection (b) of this section. In order to be eligible for a State grant, the land to be acquired within Baltimore City shall be reviewed by the Department of Forests and Parks and the parcel or parcels, including the cost thereof, shall be approved by the Board of Public Works. Title to such land shall be in the name of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, and the State shall not be responsible for the costs involved with the development or maintenance of such land.*

(b) *One-half of the funds available under this Program shall be appropriated by the General Assembly to assist the subdivisions in the acquisition and development of land for recreation and open space areas.*