A committee, to be appointed by the Governor, shall prepare and adopt an apportionment formula relating to the percentage of the total funds each [county, including municipal corporations therein, and Baltimore City subdivision shall be able to receive. The committee shall consist of two members of the Senate, three members of the House of Delegates, and four members of the public at large. The Secretary of State Planning L, the Director of Forests and Parks, the Director of Game and Inland Fish, and the chairman of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission shall serve as advisors to the committee. I and the Secretary of Natural Resources shall serve as advisers to the Committee. The Committee shall meet annually or more often as necessary to review and update the apportionment formula. In determining the allocation formula the Committee shall take into account for each subdivision: (a) (1) 1970 population and, (b) (2) 1980 projected population, and may take into consideration (3) such other factors as it deems desirable. In determining the apportionment for any year the Committee may consider under-utilization of available funds and transfer or advance such unused allocations that have not been utilized within a given period. The Committee may re-allocate such funds, subject however to the policy that over the ten year period any subdivision shall be allocated in the aggregate the funds it would have been entitled to receive if able to utilize same. Before adopting an apportionment formula and before allocating funds for any year the Committee shall notify the governing bodies of all affected subdivisions of its intended action and after reasonable notice afford opportunity for hearings thereon.

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- (a) Each year the [Department of Forests and Parks, the Department of Game and Inland Fish] Department of Natural Resources and the St. Mary's City Commission shall prepare a list of State acquisition projects for the next fiscal year. These projects shall be submitted to the General Assembly in a manner similar to other capital projects as provided in Article [15A of this Code,] 88C, Section 10 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- (b) There is hereby created an advance option and purchase fund. The General Assembly may designate a portion of the funds available for State projects to be used to obtain options for critical parcels of land in advance of purchase or to purchase specific tracts of land. Provided, such appropriation is made, the Department of Forests and Parks, the Department of Game and Inland Fish and NATURAL RESOURCES AND the St. Mary's city commission, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, may obtain options to purchase certain lands. Property so optioned or any other parcel or parcels may be purchased by the State provided funds are available in the advance option and purchase fund.

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(a) The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission or any subdivision may apply to the State Department of Forests and Parks for a grant from the total funds appropriated by the General Assembly for local projects. Municipal corporations other than the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission