

PLANNING COMMISSION PURCHASES OPEN SPACES AND AREAS UNDER THE OUTDOOR RECREATION LAND LOAN OF 1968, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL PAY A PORTION OF THE PURCHASE COST IF THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED THE ACQUISITION AND COSTS, AND THE ACQUISITION COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OUTDOOR RECREATION LAND LOAN OF 1968.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 357A(c) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

PART II. WILDLAND AREAS.

5-1203. WILDLAND AREAS; DECLARATION OF POLICY; ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE WILDLANDS PRESERVATION SYSTEM.

(A) DECLARATION OF POLICY, ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE WILDLANDS PRESERVATION SYSTEM.—IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT AN INCREASING POPULATION, ACCOMPANIED BY EXPANDING SETTLEMENT AND GROWING MECHANIZATION, DOES NOT OCCUPY AND MODIFY ALL AREAS WITHIN THE STATE, LEAVING NO LANDS DESIGNATED FOR PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION IN THEIR NATURAL CONDITION, IT IS THE POLICY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SECURE FOR THE PEOPLE OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS THE BENEFITS OF AN ENDURING RESOURCE OF STATE WILDLANDS. FOR THIS PURPOSE THERE IS ESTABLISHED A STATE WILDLANDS PRESERVATION SYSTEM COMPOSED OF AREAS IN THE STATE DESIGNATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS "WILDLAND AREAS". THE WILDLAND AREAS SHALL BE ADMINISTERED FOR THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF MARYLAND IN A MANNER THAT WILL LEAVE THEM UNIMPAIRED FOR THE FUTURE USE AND ENJOYMENT AS WILDLANDS, TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR PROTECTION, PRESERVATION OF THEIR WILDLAND CHARACTER, AND FOR GATHERING AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR USE AND ENJOYMENT AS WILDLANDS. A STATE LAND MAY NOT BE DESIGNATED AS "WILDLAND AREAS" EXCEPT AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION OR BY A SUBSEQUENT ACT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 345B(a) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(B) BIG SAVAGE MOUNTAIN - WILDLANDS.

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION THAT PROPERTY IN GARRETT COUNTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 2,000 ACRES AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS IS A TYPE 1 STATE WILDLAND AND SHALL BE NAMED