

PREDOMINATELY BY ACCUMULATED SURFACE RUNOFF OR EXCESS RAINFALL RUNOFF, OR BOTH.

(C) "AREA OF TIDAL INUNDATION" MEANS AN AREA WITHIN THE STATE WHICH IS SUBJECT TO INUNDATION CAUSED PREDOMINATELY BY TIDES OR WIND-DRIVEN WATERS, OR BOTH.

(D) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

(E) "FEDERAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM" MEANS THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE ACT OF 1968, AS AMENDED.

(F) "FLOOD HAZARD AREA" MEANS AN AREA OF TIDAL OR NONTIDAL INUNDATION RESULTING FROM A 100 YEAR FLOOD EVENT AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 8-9A05.

(G) "FLOODWAY" MEANS THE MINIMUM CROSS-SECTIONAL AREA REQUIRED TO CONVEY A 100 YEAR FLOOD.

(H) "INTERIM FLOOD HAZARD AREA" MEANS AN AREA OF TIDAL OR NONTIDAL INUNDATION RESULTING FROM A 100 YEAR FLOOD EVENT AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 8-9A03.

(I) "100 YEAR FLOOD EVENT" OR "100 YEAR FLOOD" MEANS A FLOOD LIKELY TO OCCUR ON THE AVERAGE OF ONCE EVERY 100 YEARS, THAT IS, A FLOOD THAT HAS A 1 PERCENT CHANCE OF OCCURRING IN ANY GIVEN YEAR. FOR PURPOSES OF THE INTERIM FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, THE BASIS FOR DETERMINING THE 100 YEAR FLOOD EVENT SHALL BE THE EXISTING DEVELOPMENT OF A WATERSHED. FOR PURPOSES OF THE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, THE BASIS FOR DETERMINING THE 100 YEAR FLOOD EVENT SHALL BE THE PLANNED FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATERSHED.

(J) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

(K) "SUBDIVISION" MEANS ANY COUNTY, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY[, AND ANY INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY]]. THE TERM "SUBDIVISION" ALSO MEANS ANY INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY WHICH HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT AND ENFORCE LAND USE AND CONTROL MEASURES FOR THE AREAS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

8-9A02. FINDINGS, POLICY AND PURPOSES.

(A) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT (1) RECURRENT FLOODING OF A PORTION OF THE STATE'S LAND RESOURCES CAUSES LOSS OF LIFE, DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, DISRUPTION OF COMMERCE AND GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES, AND UNSANITARY CONDITIONS, ALL OF WHICH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE, AND PROPERTY OF THE OCCUPANTS OF FLOOD HAZARD AREAS OF THE STATE; (2) CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC COSTS ARE INCURRED THROUGH THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM, AND BY REPLACING PUBLIC