

and moral liability, decreases the tax base, reduces tax revenues, increases juvenile delinquency, aggravates traffic conditions and causes numerous traffic problems; that the prevention and elimination of these conditions is a matter of public concern of the State of Maryland and Trappe, Talbot County. It is further found and declared that the existence of these conditions makes it necessary to acquire private property for redevelopment, renewal, and rehabilitation and such acquisition is hereby declared to be for a public purpose; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the following new Sections to be under the new subheading "Redevelopment - Urban Renewal", under the subtitle "Trappe", be and they are hereby added to the Public Local Laws of Talbot County, being Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition, as amended) to read as follows:

Article 21

REDEVELOPMENT - URBAN RENEWAL

1. DEFINITIONS

(A) IN THIS SUBHEADING THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "FEDERAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY, CORPORATE OR OTHERWISE, OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

(C) "SLUM AREA" MEANS ANY AREA WHERE DWELLINGS PREDOMINATE WHICH, BY REASON OF DEPRECIATION, OVERCROWDING, FAULTY ARRANGEMENT OR DESIGN, LACK OF VENTILATION, LIGHT, OR SANITARY FACILITIES, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THESE FACTORS, ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH OR MORALS.

(D) "BLIGHTED AREA" MEANS AN AREA IN WHICH A MAJORITY OF BUILDINGS HAVE DECLINED IN PRODUCTIVITY BY REASON OF OBSOLESCENCE, DEPRECIATION, OR OTHER CAUSES TO AN EXTENT THEY NO LONGER JUSTIFY FUNDAMENTAL REPAIRS AND ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE.

(E) "URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT" MEANS UNDERTAKINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF A MUNICIPALITY IN AN URBAN RENEWAL AREA FOR THE ELIMINATION AND FOR THE PREVENTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OR SPREAD OF SLUMS AND BLIGHT, AND MAY INVOLVE SLUM CLEARANCE AND REDEVELOPMENT IN AN URBAN RENEWAL AREA, OR REHABILITATION OR CONSERVATION IN AN URBAN RENEWAL AREA, OR ANY COMBINATION OR PART OF THEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN. THESE UNDERTAKINGS AND ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE:

(1) ACQUISITION OF A SLUM AREA OR A BLIGHTED AREA OR PORTION OF THEM;