

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

8-9A-01.

(a) In this subtitle, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(b) "Area of nontidal inundation" means an area within the State which is subject to inundation caused 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 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY 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 § 8-9A-[05]03.

[(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 § 8-9A-03.]

[(i)](G) "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] BEING EQUALLED OR EXCEEDED 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)](H) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Natural Resources.

[(k)](I) "Subdivision" means any county, including Baltimore City. 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.

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