

land not needed for open space.

A(11) Give priority to the maintenance and improvement of water supply and sewerage facilities to serve existing communities.

A(12) Reduce the impact of flooding on existing communities.

B. Policies to protect agricultural land, assure the conservation and wise, balanced use of Maryland's natural resources, and to secure recreation and open space resources for the use and enjoyment of this and future generations:

B(1) Promote the retention, conservation and preservation of productive agricultural and forest land.

B(2) Conduct State projects, programs, and investments such as highways, major public facilities, and sewerage and water facilities to minimize the conservation of productive agricultural and forest land.

B(3) Discourage residential sprawl.

B(4) Continue to acquire and develop or reserve land for open space and recreation, while considering the interests of the local government involved.

B(5) Discourage the extensive use of septic and other on-lot waste disposal systems in productive rural areas not planned for growth and development.

B(6) Discourage the use of privately owned sewage collection and treatment systems which facilitate development unrelated to food or fiber production on productive agricultural or forest land.

B(7) Direct new transportation construction in rural areas to support growth and development compatible with the scale and character of the areas.

B(8) Discourage development in areas with inadequate or inconsistent groundwater yields not served by public water facilities.