

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1977 Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

8-309.

(a) The purpose of this section is to return unneeded land to the tax rolls of the counties and to make this land available for use by [private enterprise] A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY FOR ANY TRANSPORTATION PURPOSE.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, if land acquired under this subtitle is not needed for present or future [highway] STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION PURPOSE or other public purposes, the Administration shall dispose of the land as soon as practicable after the completion or abandonment of the project for which the land was acquired.

(2) (I) If the land is from a project that was abandoned, and the Secretary determines that the property is no longer needed for any STATE transportation purpose, A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY ACQUIRE THE LAND FOR A TRANSPORTATION PURPOSE, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY, ON PAYMENT OF AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE CONSIDERATION THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OR COMMISSION ORIGINALLY PAID FOR THE LAND, AND REASONABLE INTEREST AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

(II) IF THE LAND IS NOT NEEDED FOR A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION PURPOSE, the person from whom the land was acquired or the successor in interest of that person has the [first] right to reacquire the land, on payment of an amount equal to the consideration that the Administration or Commission originally paid for the land.

(III) If [this right is not] NEITHER OF THESE RIGHTS IS exercised, the land shall be disposed of under this section in the same manner as if the land were from a project that has been completed or otherwise as permitted by this section.

(f) Except as required by this section for property from an abandoned project, this section does not prevent the Administration, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, from conveying any of its surplus land to any State or local agency that:

- (1) Needs the property for a public purpose; and
- (2) Pays the Administration an amount equal to the [lesser of: