

## (D) AN AREA MAY:

(1) CONSIST OF A SINGLE PARCEL OF LAND, MULTIPLE CONNECTED PARCELS OF LAND, OR MULTIPLE UNCONNECTED PARCELS OF LAND; AND

(2) INCLUDE RURAL LEGACY AREAS.

(E) A COUNTY'S ACREAGE GOAL FOR LAND TO BE PRESERVED THROUGH EASEMENTS AND ZONING WITHIN AN AREA SHALL BE EQUAL TO AT LEAST 80% OF THE REMAINING UNDEVELOPED ~~AREAS OF~~ LAND IN THE AREA, AS CALCULATED AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR STATE CERTIFICATION OF AN AREA.

(F) EACH TIME A COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IS UPDATED, THE UPDATE SHALL INCLUDE AN EVALUATION OF:

(1) THE COUNTY'S PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE GOALS OF THE FOUNDATION;

(2) ANY SHORTCOMINGS IN THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE FOUNDATION; AND

(3) PAST, CURRENT, AND PLANNED ACTIONS TO CORRECT ANY IDENTIFIED SHORTCOMINGS.

(G) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § ~~5-409~~ 5-408 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE AND ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THAT SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION SHALL JOINTLY CERTIFY AN AREA.

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~~(c) (1) For fiscal year 2000 and each fiscal year thereafter, the~~ THE Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an amount sufficient to employ not less than 110 field personnel in the soil conservation districts under this title. ~~THE APPROPRIATION SHALL EXCEED THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 24 SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS BY THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:~~

~~(2) THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE 24 SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:~~

~~(1) IN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008, \$1,000,000 \$3,800,000;~~

~~(2) (II) IN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009, \$1,500,000 \$9,200,000;~~

~~(3) (III) IN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010, \$2,000,000 \$9,600,000; AND~~

~~(4) (IV) IN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, \$2,500,000 \$10,000,000.~~