

Preservation Foundation over and above any other funding the Foundation receives from other sources. Additionally, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation be permitted to use this additional funding for its existing easement acquisition program, the Critical Farms Program, a Priority Preservation Areas Program, or an installment purchase agreement program. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that any funding not used in a given fiscal year not revert back to the general fund.

~~SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, to the extent that funds are available, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor provide \$5,000,000 in annual funding to capitalize the Maryland Agricultural and Resource Based Industry Development Corporation's loan programs. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor provide \$5,000,000 annually for 2 consecutive fiscal years for the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-Based Industry Development Corporation to develop a Next Generation Farmland Acquisition Program.~~

SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, to the extent that funds are available, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor provide an additional \$2,000,000 in annual funding over the fiscal 2006 legislative appropriation for the Maryland Cooperative Extension at the University of Maryland. It is the intent of the General Assembly that this funding be used to support additional staff to provide enhanced technical assistance on best management practices to farmers and to reestablish a soil testing laboratory in the State. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that the funding for the Maryland Cooperative Extension not be reduced by the University of Maryland.

~~SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, to the extent that funds are available, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor provide an additional \$2,500,000 in annual funding over the fiscal 2006 legislative appropriation for the 23 Soil Conservation Districts in the State to increase staffing levels to 110 field personnel.~~

SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED. That, to the extent that funds are available, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor provide at least \$150,000 annually in general funds for the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund. Any funds that may be provided to the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund from the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund may count toward satisfying the intent of this section.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the General Assembly strongly supports the promotion of agricultural education throughout the State. The General Assembly encourages the University of Maryland, College Park to provide a greater focus on agriculture and extension education, and to establish a unique major in this area.

~~SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the University System of Maryland shall use existing budgeted resources to conduct research to:~~