

(3) "BOARD" MEANS THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BOARD ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-206(E) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(4) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 41, TITLE 15, SUBTITLE 1 OF THE CODE.

(5) "FUND" MEANS THE RURAL MARYLAND PROSPERITY INVESTMENT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(6) "REGIONAL COUNCILS" MEANS:

- (I) THE MID-SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL;
- (II) THE LOWER EASTERN SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL;
- (III) THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR SOUTHERN MARYLAND;
- (IV) THE TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL FOR WESTERN MARYLAND; AND
- (V) THE UPPER SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

(7) "RURAL AREA" MEANS:

(I) THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

1. ALLEGANY;
2. CALVERT;
3. CAROLINE;
4. CARROLL;
5. CECIL;
6. CHARLES;
7. DORCESTER;
8. FREDERICK;
9. GARRETT;
10. HARFORD;
11. KENT;
12. QUEEN ANNE'S;
13. ST. MARY'S;
14. SOMERSET;
15. TALBOT;
16. WASHINGTON;