

CONCENTRATED IN THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN CORRIDOR;

(6) THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND IS ENHANCED THROUGH THE RESTORATION OF THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY OF THE WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES;

(7) THE RESTORATION OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES IS DEPENDENT, IN PART, ON MINIMIZING FURTHER ADVERSE IMPACTS TO THE WATER QUALITY--AND NATURAL HABITATS--AND SCENIC QUALITIES OF THE SHORELINE AND ADJACENT LANDS;

(8) THE CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF CURRENT PIECEMEAL DEVELOPMENT IS INIMICAL TO THESE PURPOSES; AND

(9) THERE IS A CRITICAL AND SUBSTANTIAL STATE INTEREST FOR THE BENEFIT OF CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS IN FOSTERING MORE SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY IN A CONSISTENT AND UNIFORM MANNER ALONG SHORELINE AREAS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES SO AS TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO WATER QUALITY--AND NATURAL HABITATS--AND SCENIC QUALITIES.

(B) IT IS THEREFORE THE PURPOSE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ENACTING THIS SUBTITLE TO:

(1) ESTABLISH A RESOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM FOR THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES BY FOSTERING MORE SENSITIVE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY FOR CERTAIN SHORELINE AREAS SO AS TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO WATER QUALITY--AND NATURAL HABITATS--AND SCENIC QUALITIES; AND

(2) IMPLEMENT THE RESOURCE PROTECTION PROGRAM ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS BETWEEN THE STATE AND AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING THEIR PROGRAMS IN A CONSISTENT AND UNIFORM MANNER SUBJECT TO STATE CRITERIA AND OVERSIGHT.

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(A) (1) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION ESTABLISHED IN THIS SUBTITLE.

(3) "DEVELOPMENT" MEANS ANY ACTIVITY THAT MATERIALLY AFFECTS THE CONDITION OR USE OF DRY LAND, LAND UNDER WATER, OR ANY STRUCTURE.

(4) "INCLUDES" MEANS INCLUDES OR INCLUDING BY WAY OF ILLUSTRATION AND NOT BY WAY OF LIMITATION.

(5) "LOCAL JURISDICTION" MEANS A COUNTY, OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WITH PLANNING AND ZONING POWERS, IN WHICH ANY PART OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY CRITICAL AREA AS DEFINED IN THIS SUBTITLE, IS LOCATED.