

watershed protection, State parks, scenic preserves, historic monuments, parkways, and State recreational reserves, using for these purposes any special appropriation or surplus money not otherwise appropriated, which is standing to the credit of the Forest Reserve or Park Reserve Fund. However, an individual tract of land in excess of 100 acres may not be purchased in Garrett County, except with the approval of the county commissioners of that county. The Department may accept any gift of land in the name of the State to be held, protected, and administered by the Department as State parks, forests, or other reserves, and used to demonstrate the practical utility of the land for recreational areas, State parks, scenic preserves, parkways, historic monuments, timber culture, water conservation, and as a breeding place for wildlife. Any gift shall be absolute except for the reservation of mineral and mining rights over and under the land, and a stipulation that it shall be administered for State forest, park, or recreation purposes.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS CODE, AFTER JUNE 30, 1986, THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT USE ANY FUNDS, WHETHER UNDER PROGRAM OPEN SPACE OR OTHERWISE, TO ACQUIRE LAND IN GARRETT COUNTY IN EXCESS OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LAND OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THAT COUNTY ON JUNE 30, 1986. THIS PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT FROM USING ANY FUNDS TO EXCHANGE LAND IN GARRETT COUNTY, AS LONG AS THE TOTAL ACREAGE DOES NOT EXCEED THAT AMOUNT OWNED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 30, 1986.

Chapter 403 of the Acts of 1969, as amended by
Chapter 679 of the Acts of 1983

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The Department of Natural Resources may not use Program Open Space funds to acquire land in Garrett County in excess of the total amount of land owned by the Department in that county on June 1, 1983. This section does not prohibit the Department from exchanging land, as long as the total acreage does not exceed that amount owned by the Department on June 1, 1983.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 27, 1986.
