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jurisdictions in their development of a critical area protection program; and

WHEREAS, The Commission was directed to promulgate criteria for program development and approval which would achieve the following goals:

(1) Minimize adverse impacts on water quality that result from pollutants that are discharged from structures or conveyances or that have run off from surrounding lands;

(2) Conserve fish, wildlife, and plant habitat;

(3) Establish land use policies for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area which accommodate growth and also address the fact that, even if pollution is controlled, the number, movement, and activities of persons in that area can create adverse environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, Prior to developing and adopting its criteria, the Commission held 16 public hearings throughout the State and met representatives from local governments, the agricultural, forestry, real estate, and environmental communities, as well as other concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, The criteria were submitted to several legislative committees for their review and input during the 1985 interim; and

WHEREAS, The criteria were overwhelmingly endorsed by the Commission, whose members represent diverse geographic and economic interests; and

WHEREAS, The Commission promulgated the final proposed criteria in the November 22, 1985 issue of the Maryland Register under COMAR 14.15.01 through 14.15.11; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the criteria for local critical area program development adopted by the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission are hereby affirmed as being reasonable and acceptable to accomplish the goals of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Protection Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Maryland.

Signed May 13, 1986.
