

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 9-503  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1986 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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9-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meaning indicated.

(b) "Board" means the Board of Public Works.

(c) "County" includes Baltimore City unless otherwise indicated.

(d) "Department" means the Department of Natural Resources.

(e) "Dredging" means the removal or displacement by any means of soil, sand, gravel, shells, or other material, whether or not of intrinsic value, from any State or private wetlands.

(f) (1) "Filling" means either:

(i) The displacement of navigable water by the depositing into State or private wetlands of soil, sand, gravel, shells, or other materials; or

(ii) The artificial alteration of navigable water levels by any physical structure, drainage ditch, or otherwise.

(2) "Filling" includes storm drain projects which flow directly into tidal waters of the State.

[(3) "Filling" does not include drainage of agricultural land.]

(3) "FILLING" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

(I) DRAINAGE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND;

(II) CONSTRUCTION--OR--REPLACEMENT--OF--PIERS,  
DOCKS,--MOORING-PILES,--OR--SIMILAR-STRUCTURES--FOR--BOAT-MOORING--AND  
ACCESS--TO--NAVIGABLE-WATER--THAT--DO--NOT--IMPEDE--THE--FLOW--OF--TIDAL