

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

Article - Natural Resources

5-905.

(c) (1) Except AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION AND EXCEPT in Baltimore City, at least one half of a local governing body's annual apportionment shall be used for acquisition projects. Local matching funds are not required for acquisition projects. If the local governing body is unable to obtain federal funds pursuant to § 5-906 of this subtitle, for an approved local acquisition project, the total cost of the project shall be defrayed out of the local governing body's annual apportionment of State funds for open space. In Baltimore City any portion of the annual apportionment may be used either for acquisition or development.

(2) A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY SHALL PREPARE A LOCAL RECREATION AND PARKS MASTER PLAN AND SUBMIT IT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING FOR JOINT APPROVAL ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA AND GOALS SET FORTH IN THE STATE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION PLAN AND ANY REVISIONS THEREOF. A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY SHALL REVISE ITS LOCAL RECREATION AND PARKS MASTER PLAN AT LEAST TRIENNIALLY FOLLOWING REVISIONS TO THE STATE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION PLAN AND SUBMIT THE REVISED LOCAL PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING FOR JOINT APPROVAL.

~~(2)~~ (3) Subject to the approval of the Department, a local governing body may use part of its acquisition funds for initial or periodic updating of recreation and parks master plans. The amount that may be used by a subdivision for planning purposes in the local recreation and parks master plan shall not exceed \$25,000 for any one fiscal year. Local matching funds are not required for planning or updating the local recreation and parks master plan.

[(d)] (4) If federal funds are provided on any acquisition project, the State shall provide 100 percent of the difference between the total project cost and the federal contribution.

~~(e)~~ (D) (1) One half of any local governing body's annual apportionment shall be used for acquisition or development projects--, PROVIDED THAT IF THE DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES THAT ACQUISITION GOALS SET FORTH IN THE CURRENT, APPROVED LOCAL RECREATION AND PARKS MASTER PLAN HAVE BEEN MET AND THAT SUCH ACREAGE ATTAINMENT EQUALS OR EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM RECOMMENDED ACREAGE GOALS DEVELOPED FOR THAT JURISDICTION UNDER THE STATE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION AND LAND PRESERVATION PLAN, A