

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

Article - Natural Resources

8-707.

There is a Waterway Improvement Fund for the purposes specified in this subtitle. Except as provided in § 8-709, any money received into the Waterway Improvement Fund shall be used solely for the following projects:

(4) Constructing marine facilities beneficial to the boating public, INCLUDING CONSTRUCTING PUMP-OUT STATIONS FOR USE BY THE GENERAL BOATING PUBLIC AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MARINAS. THE SECRETARY MAY USE THE FUNDS TO INSTALL PUMP-OUT STATIONS FOR USE BY THE GENERAL BOATING PUBLIC OR AND TO SUPPLEMENT OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE COSTS AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE SECRETARY. BEFORE APPROVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANY PUMP-OUT STATION AT A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE MARINA, THE SECRETARY SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT TO ASSURE THAT THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEM OF THE MARINA IS ADEQUATE TO HANDLE ANY INCREASED FLOW. THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO GOVERN THE USE AND OPERATION OF PUMP-OUT STATIONS FOR USE BY THE GENERAL BOATING PUBLIC CONSTRUCTED OR SUPPORTED BY STATE FUNDS UNDER THIS SECTION;

8-708.

(a) Projects for dredging and marking channels and harbors, construction of jetties and breakwaters, and clearing debris, aquatic vegetation, and obstructions in navigable [waters] WATERS, as well as construction of marine facilities located within lands owned by the State Department of Natural Resources AND CONSTRUCTION OF PUMP-OUT STATIONS FOR USE BY THE GENERAL BOATING PUBLIC AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MARINAS shall be financed solely by the Waterway Improvement Fund. Any funds available from the federal government, any governing body, or any gift also may be used for these purposes.

(b) [The] EXCEPT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUMP-OUT STATIONS FOR USE BY THE GENERAL BOATING PUBLIC AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MARINAS, THE governing body and the Waterway Improvement Fund jointly shall finance projects to construct marine facilities beneficial to the boating public. The contribution of the Waterway Improvement Fund shall be limited to not more than 50 percent of the cost of each project. However, the Waterway Improvement Fund may finance completely any construction project beneficial to the boating public which costs less than \$25,000 regardless of its location.