Article - Agriculture
Section 2-508(a)(4), (b), and (c) and 2-510
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1985 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

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2-508.

     (a) For purposes of this subtitle, the following words have
the meanings indicated:

          (4) "Allotted purchases" means general or matching
purchases made pursuant to offers to buy tendered by the
foundation on or before January 31 [of any fiscal year] IN THE
FIRST OFFER CYCLE AND ON OR BEFORE JULY 31 IN THE SECOND OFFER
CYCLE.

     (b) Beginning with fiscal year 1979, and in each fiscal
year thereafter, the foundation shall determine the maximum
amount which may be expended for allotted purchases of easements
on land located within each county. The maximum amount which may
be expended for allotted purchases of easements in any county in
any fiscal year shall be:

          (1) An amount, to be used for general allotted
purchases, equal to one twenty-third of one half of the total
amount to be allotted[;· and], WHICH AMOUNT SHALL BE DIVIDED
EQUALLY BETWEEN THE 2 OFFER CYCLES; AND

          (2) An amount, to be used for matching allotted
purchases, which shall be computed for each eligible county by
dividing one half of the total amount to be allotted equally
among those counties having an approved program. The maximum
amount available from the foundation for the foundation's share
in matching allotted purchases may not exceed $1-million in any
county in any -{-fiscal year-}- OFFER-CYCLE, WHICH AMOUNT SHALL
BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN THE 2 OFFER CYCLES.

     (c) If the foundation receives acceptances of offers to buy
in insufficient numbers to expend the total amount to be allotted
for allotted purchases IN EACH OFFER CYCLE, the foundation, to
the extent feasible, shall tender additional offers to buy in
sufficient numbers to expend the total amount to be allotted. Any
such additional offers to buy shall be tendered:

          (1) To landowners who have applied to sell easements
on land which was otherwise acceptable, but who had not received