

Article - Natural Resources

Section 5-428 through 5-430 to be under the new part "Part V. Green Shores Program"

Annotated Code of Maryland

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

Article - Natural Resources

PART V. GREEN SHORES PROGRAM

5-428.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(1) FORESTS AND TREES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE RESTORATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES; AND

(2) THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF FORESTS AND TREES ALONG THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

5-429.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A GREEN SHORES PROGRAM TO PROMOTE AND CAUSE THE PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE OF FORESTED BUFFERS AROUND THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.

(B) THE GREEN SHORES PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE:

(1) PROVIDING GRANTS IN THE FORM OF TREES, MONEY, MATERIALS, OR EXPERTISE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND STATE AGENCIES TO BE USED FOR PLANTING OR ENHANCING FORESTED BUFFERS AROUND THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TRIBUTARIES;

(2) EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF TREES AND FORESTED BUFFERS, INCLUDING:

(I) ESTABLISHING DEMONSTRATION FOREST BUFFERS ON PUBLIC LANDS;

(II) PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS TO SCHOOLS;

(III) PROVIDING GRANTS TO SCHOOLS FOR THEIR OWN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS;

(IV) DEVELOPING AND DISSEMINATING EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS TO THE PUBLIC; AND