

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

Article - Agriculture

2-501.

It is the intent of the Maryland General Assembly to preserve agricultural land and woodland in order to:

(1) provide sources of agricultural products within the State for the citizens of the State;

(2) control the urban expansion which is consuming the agricultural land and woodland of the State;

(3) curb the spread of urban blight and deterioration; and

(4) protect agricultural land and woodland as open-space land.

2-505.

(e) If a portion of a local ~~subdivision's~~ subdivision's allocation of program open space funds is transferred to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund pursuant to the provisions of [Article - Natural Resources,] § 5-903 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE, the foundation may utilize such transferred funds only for purchases of easements on land located within the boundaries of the subdivision which requested the transfer of funds. Such transferred open space funds shall be available in addition to any funds which would otherwise be allotted under this subtitle for purchases of easements in the county which requested the transfer of funds; and at the discretion of the local governing body, such transferred open space funds may be used for general purchases, or applied as the local contribution in matching purchases as required in § 2-508 (a) (3), and § 2-512 (b) (1) of this subtitle.

Article - Tax - Property

13-306.

(b) Each county collector shall hold the remainder of the revenue in a special county account for 3 years to be used for an approved agricultural land preservation program, including use for bond annuity funds or matching funds.

(c) (1) Except as provided for Montgomery County in subsection (d) of this section, if any revenue in the special county account has not been expended or committed on or before 3 years from the date of deposit into the county account, the