

**Article - Environment**

~~5-909.~~

~~(e) (3) Funds in the Nontidal Wetland Compensation Fund may be used only for the creation, restoration, or enhancement of nontidal wetlands, including:~~

- ~~(i) Acquisition of land;~~
- ~~(ii) Acquisition of easements;~~
- ~~(iii) Maintenance of mitigation sites;~~
- ~~(iv) Purchase of credits in mitigation banks; [and]~~

~~(v) IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, COST SHARING ASSISTANCE TO LANDOWNERS IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF PHRAGMITES UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 21 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE; AND~~

~~(vi) Contractual services necessary to accomplish the intent of this paragraph.~~

16-205.

(d) Funds in the Wetlands Compensation Fund may be appropriated only for acquisition AND CONSERVATION of wetland areas by the State, INCLUDING COST SHARING ASSISTANCE TO LANDOWNERS IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF PHRAGMITES UNDER TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 21 OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.

(e) Funds appropriated in the budget for wetlands acquisition AND CONSERVATION under this section:

- (1) Shall remain available until expended; and
- (2) May not be reverted under any other provision of law.

**Article - Natural Resources**

8-2101.

The General Assembly finds that the growth of the tall, reed-like grass Phragmites communis, commonly known as phragmites, may be a public and common nuisance on land and wetlands used for wildlife habitat areas.

8-2102.

(a) A person who owns real property on which phragmites grows may apply to the Secretary for COST SHARING assistance in the management and control of the spread of phragmites.

(b) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A COST SHARING PROGRAM TO ASSIST LANDOWNERS, ON WHOSE PROPERTY PHRAGMITES GROWS, IN THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF THE SPREAD OF PHRAGMITES.