

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 4-411 through 4-414 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, subject to the availability of funds and in accordance with other provisions of this article regarding open space and wildland areas, the Department may enter into agreements with a land trust for the State to acquire title to or an interest or right in property owned by the land trust or property on which the land trust holds an option or a contract to purchase.

(3) An agreement under this subsection shall be subject to approval by the Board of Public Works under § 4-415 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(f) (1) Subject to the limitation under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Department may use acquisition funds to stabilize the structural integrity of improvements existing on land at the time of acquisition.

(2) The costs to stabilize the structural integrity of improvements existing on land at the time of acquisition may not exceed 10 percent of the purchase price of the land.

(g) (1) For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1990, any amount appropriated in the State budget, and for each subsequent fiscal year, up to 25 percent of the State's share of funds available under the program may be used for capital improvements on land owned by the State for the use of the Department if the improvements are:

- (i) Approved in the State budget; and
- (ii) Compatible with:
 1. Any master plan developed for the land; and
 2. The natural features of the land.

(2) (I) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 1996, AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, ANY PORTION UP TO 12.5% OF THE STATE'S SHARE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE USED FOR OPERATING COSTS OF ANY LAND OWNED BY THE STATE FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE STATE FORESTS AND PARKS, BUT ONLY IF THE FUNDS EXPENDED FOR OPERATING COSTS DO NOT EXCEED THE PORTION OF THE STATE ALLOCATION AVAILABLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION THAT IS DERIVED FROM CURRENT REVENUES, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM PROCEEDS OF BOND ISSUES.

(II) THE ONLY WAGES THAT CAN BE PAID WITH THE PORTION OF THE STATE'S SHARE OF FUNDS AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH ARE THE WAGES OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE FORESTS AND PARKS.

[(2)](3) If the General Assembly amends the Budget Bill to strike out an improvement OR OPERATING COSTS under this subsection submitted by the Governor, the Governor may consider reallocating the funds through a supplemental budget for the same fiscal year:

(i) To finance specific alternative land acquisition, [or] development projects, OR OPERATING COSTS; or