

~~WHEREAS, Brownfields redevelopment is a major part of efforts throughout the nation to address issues of environmental justice; and~~

~~WHEREAS, Equal protection of all of our citizens, including those in affected communities, may best be afforded by increasing the involvement of communities affected by regulatory programs, policies, and permit actions in their development, taking into account not only the physical health of the people and the environment, but also the social, economic, and psychological health of the communities; now, therefore,~~

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

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

18-313.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "ACTIVITY" INCLUDES ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS, PERMIT ISSUANCE, SITING ACTIVITIES, AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.

(3) "ADVISORY COUNCIL" MEANS THE ~~CITIZENS~~ ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.

(4) "AFFECTED COMMUNITY" MEANS THE ~~INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE WITHIN A COMMUNITY AND WHO ARE~~ PEOPLE LIVING IN AN AREA AFFECTED BY THE ACTIONS, ACTIVITIES, PROGRAMS, OR POLICIES OF A STATE UNIT, INCLUDING PERMITTING DECISIONS, THAT HAVE AN IMPACT ON HUMAN HEALTH OR THE ENVIRONMENT.

(5) "ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE" MEANS EQUAL PROTECTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARDS FOR ALL PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF RACE, INCOME, CULTURE, AND SOCIAL CLASS.

(B) THERE IS ~~A~~ CITIZENS AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE.

(C) THE ADVISORY COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING ~~19~~ 15 MEMBERS:

(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

(3) ~~THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL;~~

(4) (3) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(5) (4) THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;