

(G) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THIS SUBTITLE.

(H) "RURAL LEGACY AREA" MEANS A REGION WITHIN OR OUTSIDE A METROPOLITAN AREA DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD AS RICH IN A MULTIPLE OF AGRICULTURAL, FORESTRY, NATURAL, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.

(I) "RURAL LEGACY PLAN" MEANS A PLAN ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD FOR ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS AND FEE INTERESTS IN RURAL LEGACY AREAS.

(J) "SPONSOR" MEANS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, GROUP OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, OR A LAND TRUST.

5-9A-03.

(A) THERE IS A RURAL LEGACY BOARD ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADMINISTER THE RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM.

(B) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

- (1) THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE;
- (2) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; AND
- (3) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PLANNING.

(C) THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

(D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL PROVIDE STAFF TO THE BOARD.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE OFFICE OF PLANNING MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STAFF.

5-9A-04.

(A) THE BOARD HAS AND MAY EXERCISE ALL POWERS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) (1) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING PROCEDURES FOR EXPEDITING ACQUISITIONS.

(2) THE AUTHORITY GRANTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PERMIT ADOPTION OF A REGULATION APPLICABLE TO LAND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) (1) THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A METHOD FOR APPRAISAL OF ~~THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF~~ REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS ACQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, ~~WHICH SHALL REFLECT FAIR MARKET, NATURAL RESOURCE, AND AGRICULTURAL VALUES.~~