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(a) (1) Each year the Department, in consultation with the [Maryland Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning, shall prepare a list of recommended State projects for funding under this program for the next fiscal year.

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(a) (2) (i) By the first of July each year, a participating local governing body shall submit an annual program of proposed acquisition and development projects, together with a list of projects submitted by any municipal corporation to the local governing body and not included in the local governing body's annual program, to the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning for review and to the Department for approval.

(3) (i) Upon review by the [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning and approval by the Department and the Board of Public Works, the annual program shall become the basis for a grant agreement for the total allocation to each of the local governing bodies.

(4) Any program may be revised by the local governing body and the revised program, after the [Maryland Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning reviews and the Department approves it, shall be substituted for the original program in the grant agreement.

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(b) (2) A local governing body shall prepare a local land preservation and recreation plan with acquisition goals based upon the most current population data available from the [Maryland Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning and submit it to the Department and to the [Maryland Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning for joint approval according to the criteria and goals set forth in the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan and any revisions thereof. A local governing body shall revise its local land preservation and recreation plan at least every five years concurrently with the revision of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan and submit the revised local plan to the Department and to the [Maryland Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning for joint approval. Prior to approval of a revised local plan, the Department shall provide the legislators from the district within which any part of the local jurisdiction is located the opportunity to review and comment on the revised local plan.

(c) (1) (ii) If the Department and the [Maryland Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning certify that acquisition goals set forth in the current, approved local land preservation and recreation plan have been met and that such acreage attainment equals or exceeds the minimum recommended acreage goals developed for that jurisdiction under the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan, a local governing body may use up to 75 percent of its future annual apportionment for development projects for a period of 5 years after attainment, provided that up to 20 percent of the funds authorized for use for development projects under this subparagraph may be used for capital renewal.