

[(3)](D) "Assessor" means the Supervisor of Assessments of Carroll County.

[(4)](E) "Work" or "improvement", whether used singly or in combination, means and includes the performance of all acts and doing of the things necessary to carry out the purposes of this [subheading] TITLE including the maintenance of open areas and the doing of those acts set forth in [Section 3-27]§ 8-104 of this [subheading] TITLE.

[(5)](F) "Open space" or "open area" means any space or area characterized by great natural scenic beauty or whose existing openness, natural condition, or present state of use, if retained, would enhance the present or potential value of abutting or surrounding urban development, or would maintain or enhance the conservation of natural or scenic resources.

[(6)](G) "Open Space Maintenance District" or "District" means any district created pursuant to the provisions of this [subheading] TITLE.

[3-26.] 8-103. Purpose of Act.

The purpose of this [subheading] TITLE is to form districts within Carroll County within which property may be assessed to pay the costs and expenses of improving and maintaining open spaces belonging to the county in [such] a manner [as to conserve] THAT CONSERVES their natural condition and scenic beauty which, if preserved, maintained, or developed in their present open state will constitute physical, esthetic or economic assets to existing, impending, abutting or surrounding urban development or which will maintain or enhance the conservation of natural or scenic resources; and to maintain [such] THE open spaces in a way that will reduce the danger of fire which exists when open areas covered with vegetation remain in their natural state.

[3-27.] 8-104. Scope of Act.

In addition to matters specified elsewhere in this [subheading] TITLE, the acts authorized under this [subheading] TITLE include the following:

- (1) The formation of districts[.];
- (2) The planning, maintaining, improving, protecting, limiting the future use of or otherwise conserving open spaces and areas within the county and the reduction of the hazards of fire, erosion, and flooding in [such] THESE areas by:
 - (i) Clearing and removing or ordering the clearing and removal of dry grass, stubble, brush, rubbish, litter, or other inflammable material which endangers the public safety by creating a fire hazard and which is not provided for by the regular fire controls;
 - (ii) Acquiring, constructing and maintaining works, not otherwise regularly provided by the county which are necessary or convenient for the prevention and extinguishing of fires;
 - (iii) Destroying and removing noxious, dangerous or unsightly weeds;