

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

- (A) Smith Island Environmental Restoration and Protection Project. Provide a portion of the funds for engineering, design, and construction associated with the Smith Island Environmental Restoration and Protection Project (Somerset County)

470,000

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LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE

- (A) Rural Legacy Program. Provide funds for the purchase of conservation easements and the acquisition of land (Statewide).

25,000,000

16,000,000

- (B) GreenPrint Program. Provide funds for the purchase of conservation easements and the acquisition of land (Statewide), provided that these funds shall be expended in a manner consistent with House Bill 1379 if the bill is enacted. If this legislation is not enacted, the funds shall be restricted as follows:

- (a) (1) funds may only be used to acquire real property interests in the green infrastructure network identified and included on maps created by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and

- (2) funds may not be expended on the acquisition of a real property interest by use of State or local condemnation authority.

- (b) a land owner who participates in the GreenPrint program may reserve the ability to engage in silvicultural practices in accordance with a forest management plan approved by the Secretary and the terms of the easement, provided that these practices do not conflict with the goals of the program.

- (c) DNR may not use GreenPrint program funds to purchase a property interest on property unless each affected local government approves the acquisition.

- (d) twenty-five percent of the funds provided in the budgets for the GreenPrint program may only be spent on the acquisition of easements on agricultural land within Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) approved districts that contain land within the green infrastructure network. Funds used to purchase easements within MALPF-approved districts shall be encumbered annually in accordance with the MALPF procedures. An easement on agricultural land within MALPF-approved districts is perpetual and may not be extinguished or released.