

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 5-15A-01 through 5-15A-05 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 15A. Maryland GreenPrint Program"

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

Article - Natural Resources

SUBTITLE 15A. MARYLAND GREENPRINT PROGRAM.

5-15A-01.

~~(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(B) "PRIORITY FUNDING AREA" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 5-7B-02 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.~~

~~(C) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE MARYLAND GREENPRINT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~

5-15A-02.

(A) THERE IS A MARYLAND GREENPRINT PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO CREATE A STATEWIDE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK BY THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND PROPERTY INTERESTS, INCLUDING EASEMENTS, IN A MANNER THAT COMPLIMENTS ALREADY EXISTING CONSERVATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING:

(I) PROGRAM OPEN SPACE UNDER SUBTITLE 9 OF THIS TITLE;

(II) THE RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM UNDER SUBTITLE 9A OF THIS TITLE; AND

(III) THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM UNDER TITLE 2, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE

(C) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FUNDED AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(2) (I) 25 PERCENT OF THE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER TOTAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET FOR THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE SPENT ON THE ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS ON AGRICULTURAL LAND WITHIN MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION APPROVED DISTRICTS THAT CONTAIN LAND WITHIN THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK.