

(f) The Court of Appeals may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

Approved April 22, 2003.

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**CHAPTER 180**

**(House Bill 907)**

AN ACT concerning

**Natural Resources – Forest and Tree Management – Assistance to Nonprofit Corporations**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to provide, under certain circumstances, State or federal financial assistance and technical assistance to nonprofit corporations that participate in certain urban and community forestry programs; authorizing the Department to provide certain grants to and enter into certain contracts with certain nonprofit corporations under the Green Shores Program; and generally relating to planting and managing forests and trees in the State.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5–424, 5–425, and 5–428

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5–426, 5–427(b), 5–429, and 5–430

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

**Article – Natural Resources**

5–424.

“Urban and community forestry” means the management of forests and trees in urban and community areas to improve their health, vigor, and composition.