

the local land preservation and recreation plan to be submitted for joint approval by the Departments a certain length of time before the revision of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan; altering the frequency by which the Departments prepare and revise the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan; requiring certain plans to be submitted, prepared, and revised according to guidelines prepared by the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Planning by certain dates; and generally relating to land preservation and recreation plans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5-905(b)(2) and 5-906(b)

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**

5-905.

(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 Department of Planning and submit it to the Department and to the 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] GUIDELINES PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING. A local governing body shall revise its local land preservation and recreation plan at least every [five] SIX 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 Department of Planning for joint approval ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE REVISION OF THE MARYLAND LAND PRESERVATION AND RECREATION PLAN. 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.

5-906.

(b) Every acquisition and development project funded by the State in whole or in part shall meet needs identified in the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan prepared and revised every [5] 6 YEARS [years, beginning in 1993,] by the Department of Planning in cooperation with the Department. The document shall identify and recommend for State acquisition efforts those resource areas facing the most intense or immediate development pressure. These resource areas shall be designated as targeted areas. The document and any changes to it shall be distributed to every local governing body.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That: