

providing for consultation and coordination among certain governmental units and other entities; ~~making declarations of the General Assembly; defining certain terms; authorizing certain State funding of certain local land preservation programs under certain circumstances, subject to a certain contingency; requiring certain local governments to notify the Department of Natural Resources of certain actions; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to notify certain units that a certain contingency has been met; making certain portions of this Act subject to a certain contingency; requiring the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources to study and develop certain funding mechanisms, report on them to certain committees on or before a certain date, and implement them under certain circumstances;~~ and generally relating to local land preservation programs and land conservation.

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources

Section 5-9B-01 through 5-9B-06, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle  
"Subtitle 9B. Local Land Preservation Programs"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article - Environment~~

~~Section 9-1605~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)~~

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

**Article - Natural Resources**

**SUBTITLE 9B. LOCAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS.**

5-9B-01.

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

(B) "APPLICATION" MEANS AN APPLICATION BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY UNDER A LOCAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM.

(C) "PROGRAM" MEANS A LOCAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) "SPONSOR" MEANS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT.