

(b) It is the purpose of the General Assembly in enacting this subtitle:

(1) To establish a Resource Protection Program for the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries by fostering more sensitive development activity for certain shoreline areas so as to minimize damage to water quality and natural habitats; and

(2) To implement the Resource Protection Program on a cooperative basis between the State and affected local governments, with local governments establishing and implementing their programs in a consistent and uniform manner subject to State criteria and oversight.

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(a) (1) It is the intent of this subtitle that each local jurisdiction shall have primary responsibility for developing and implementing a program, subject to review and approval by the Commission.

(2) The Governor shall include in the budget a sum of money to be used for grants to reimburse local jurisdictions for the reasonable costs of developing a program under this section. Each local jurisdiction shall submit to the Governor [by October 31, 1984] a detailed request for funds that are equivalent to the additional costs incurred in developing the program under this section.

(3) The Governor shall include in the budget annually a sum of money to be used for grants to assist local jurisdictions with the reasonable costs of implementing a program under this section. Each local jurisdiction shall submit to the Governor by May 1 of each year a detailed request for funds to assist in the implementation of a program under this section.

(b) A program shall consist of those elements which are necessary or appropriate:

(1) To minimize adverse impacts on water quality that result from pollutants that are discharged from structures or conveyances or that have run off from surrounding lands;

(2) To conserve fish, wildlife, and plant habitat; and

(3) To establish land use policies for development in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area which accommodate growth and also address the fact that, even if pollution is controlled, the number, movement, and activities of persons in that area can create adverse environmental impacts.

(c) At a minimum, a program sufficient to meet the goals stated in subsection (b) of this section includes:

(1) A map designating the critical area in a local jurisdiction;

(2) A comprehensive zoning map for the critical area;

(3) As necessary, new or amended provisions of the jurisdiction's:

(i) Subdivision regulations;