

(6) Establishment of buffer areas along shorelines within which agriculture will be permitted only if best management practices are used, provided that structures or any other use of land which is necessary for adjacent agriculture shall also be permitted in any buffer area;

(7) Requirements for minimum setbacks for structures and septic fields along shorelines;

(8) Designation of shoreline areas, if any, that are suitable for parks, hiking, biking, wildlife refuges, scenic drives, public access or assembly, and water-related recreation such as boat slips, piers, and beaches;

(9) Designation of shoreline areas, if any, that are suitable for ports, marinas, and industries that use water for transportation or derive economic benefits from shore access;

(10) Provisions requiring that all harvesting of timber in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area OR THE ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA be in accordance with plans approved by the district forestry board;

(11) Provisions establishing that the controls in a program which are designed to prevent runoff of pollutants will not be required on sites where the topography prevents runoff from directly or indirectly reaching tidal waters; and

(12) Provisions for reasonable accommodations in policies or procedures when the accommodations are necessary to avoid discrimination on the basis of physical disability, including provisions that authorize a local jurisdiction to require removal of a structure that was installed or built to accommodate a physical disability and require restoration when the accommodation permitted by this paragraph is no longer necessary.

(d) (1) The Commission shall adopt by regulation on or before December 1, 1985 criteria for program development and approval, which are necessary or appropriate to achieve the standards stated in subsection (b) of this section. Prior to developing its criteria and also prior to adopting its criteria, the Commission shall hold at least 6 regional public hearings, 1 in each of the following areas:

- (i) Harford, Cecil, and Kent counties;
- (ii) Queen Anne's, Talbot, and Caroline counties;
- (iii) Dorchester, Somerset, and Wicomico counties;
- (iv) Baltimore City and Baltimore County;
- (v) Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties; and
- (vi) Anne Arundel and Prince George's counties.

(2) During the hearing process, the Commission shall consult with each affected local jurisdiction.