

[(11)] (12) "Local jurisdiction" means a county, or a municipal corporation with planning and zoning powers, in which any part of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area or the Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area, as defined in this subtitle, is located.

[(12)] (13) (i) "Program" means the critical area protection program of a local jurisdiction.

(ii) "Program" includes any amendments to the program.

[(13)] (14) (i) "Program amendment" means any change to an adopted program that the Commission determines will result in a use of land or water in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area or the Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area in a manner not provided for in the adopted program.

(ii) "Program amendment" includes a change to a zoning map that is not consistent with the method for using the growth allocation contained in an adopted program.

[(14)] (15) (i) "Program refinement" means any change to an adopted program that the Commission determines will result in a use of land or water in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area or the Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area in a manner consistent with the adopted program.

(ii) "Program refinement" includes:

1. A change to a zoning map that is consistent with the development area designation of an adopted program; and
2. The use of the growth allocation in accordance with an adopted program.

[(15)] (16) (i) "Project approval" means the approval of development, other than development by a State or local government agency, in the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area or the Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area by the appropriate local approval authority.

(ii) "Project approval" includes:

1. Approval of subdivision plats and site plans;
2. Inclusion of areas within floating zones;
3. Issuance of variances, special exceptions, and conditional use permits; and
4. Approval of rezoning.

(iii) "Project approval" does not include building permits.

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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.