

10-209.

(A) There is a State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund in the Department.

(B) Any money accruing to the Fund from any license, stamp, application, or permit fee provided in this title shall be credited, unless otherwise provided, to this Fund and used only for [the]:

(1) THE scientific investigation, protection, propagation, and management of wildlife; AND

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 1-103(B)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE.

10-301.

(n) (1) There is an Upland Wildlife Habitat Fund in the Department.

(2) The Fund consists of:

(i) Voluntary contributions made to the Upland Wildlife Habitat Fund at the time of purchase of a hunting license under this section; and

(ii) Any other donations made to the Fund.

(3) The Secretary shall administer the Fund.

(4) The Fund may be used only as provided in this subsection.

(5) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(6) The Fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds. Any investment earnings of the Fund may not be transferred or revert back to the General Fund, but shall remain in the Fund to be used for purposes specified in this subsection.

(7) The Secretary shall use the Fund to:

(i) Provide cost-share assistance to landowners for planting upland wildlife habitat;

(ii) Provide matching funds to acquire grant funding for upland wildlife habitat programs;

(iii) Hire contractual staff to implement upland wildlife habitat programs in the State; [and]

(iv) Promote the Upland Wildlife Habitat Fund and upland wildlife habitat programs; AND

(v) COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 1-103(B)(2) OF THIS ARTICLE.