

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - Natural Resources
Section 5-9A-01(b) and 5-1501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)~~

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

~~Article - Agriculture~~

~~2-505.~~

~~(a) The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund is created and continued for the purposes specified in this subtitle.~~

~~(b) (1) The Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund shall comprise:~~

~~[(1)] (I) Any money made available to the Fund by general or special fund appropriations; and~~

~~[(2)] (II) Any money made available to the Fund by grants or transfers from governmental or private sources.~~

~~(2) ANY PROJECT OR PROGRAM FUNDED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 7-305(D)(3) AND 8-128(C) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.~~

Article - Natural Resources

5-902.

(a) The General Assembly declares that there is need for a program to make funds available to State agencies and any subdivision to:

(1) Expedite acquisition of outdoor recreation and open space areas before escalating cost of land prevents its purchase for public use and before potential areas are devoted to some other use; and

(2) Accelerate development and capital renewal of needed outdoor recreation facilities.

(b) This program is known as Program Open Space and carries out the recommendations of the 1968 Legislative Council committee on recreational areas. By enacting this program, the General Assembly intends to provide funds to the State and its subdivisions to enable them to acquire land for outdoor public recreation and open space use and develop the land for public recreation.

(c) (1) To effectuate the purposes of this section, the General Assembly has established a funding program under Chapter 403 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1969.