

purposes; requiring the Department to adopt regulations that specify certain criteria for certain stormwater management plans ~~and certain stormwater control ordinances; requiring the Department to adopt regulations that specify certain environmental site design techniques as the primary method for managing stormwater under certain circumstances;~~ requiring the Department to adopt regulations that establish a certain comprehensive process for approving certain grading and sediment control plans and certain stormwater management plans; requiring the Department, ~~on or before a certain date, to review a certain fee system and establish a certain schedule of fees necessary to enforce certain provisions of law~~ to evaluate certain options and report certain findings on or before a certain date; requiring the Department to seek certain input and work with certain parties in the creation of certain regulations and a certain model ordinance; defining certain terms; and generally relating to stormwater management.

BY adding to

Article - Environment

Section 4-201.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Environment

Section ~~4-202 and~~ 4-203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

Article - Environment

4-201.1.

(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(B) "ENVIRONMENTAL SITE DESIGN TECHNIQUE" MEANS A TECHNIQUE USED IN A SITE DESIGN STRATEGY INTENDED TO MAINTAIN OR REPLICATE THE PREDEVELOPMENT HYDROLOGIC AND WATER QUALITY REGIME OF A BUILDING SITE USING SMALL-SCALE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, NONSTRUCTURAL TECHNIQUES, AND BETTER SITE PLANNING TO MIMIC NATURAL HYDROLOGIC RUNOFF CHARACTERISTICS AND MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF LAND DEVELOPMENT ON WATER RESOURCES.