

plans, grading and sediment control plans, and certain planned unit developments submitted before a certain date from the requirements of this Act; and generally relating to the cutting and clearing of forests and the conservation, reforestation, and afforestation of certain forests related to development projects.

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5-1601 through 5-1613, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 16. Forest Conservation”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5-103

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1989 Replacement Volume and 1990 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

SUBTITLE 16. FOREST CONSERVATION

5-1601.

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

(B) “AFFORESTATION” MEANS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TREE COVER ON AN AREA FROM WHICH IT HAS ALWAYS OR VERY LONG BEEN ABSENT, OR THE PLANTING OF OPEN AREAS WHICH ARE NOT PRESENTLY IN FOREST COVER.

(C) “AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY” MEANS FARMING ~~ACTIVITY~~ ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PLOWING, TILLAGE, CROPPING, INSTALLATION OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, SEEDING, CULTIVATING, AND HARVESTING FOR PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND FIBER PRODUCTS (EXCEPT COMMERCIAL LOGGING AND TIMBER HARVESTING OPERATIONS), THE GRAZING AND RAISING OF LIVESTOCK, AQUACULTURE, SOD PRODUCTION, ORCHARDS, NURSERY, AND OTHER PRODUCTS CULTIVATED AS PART OF A RECOGNIZED COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE.

(D) “AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE AREAS” ARE UNDEVELOPED AREAS ZONED FOR DENSITIES OF LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1 DWELLING UNIT PER 5 ACRES.