5–710.

SUBJECT TO THE EVALUATION AND REESTABLISHMENT PROVISIONS OF THE MARYLAND PROGRAM EVALUATION ACT, THIS SUBTITLE SHALL TERMINATE AND BE OF NO EFFECT AFTER JULY 1, 2003.

SUBTITLE 7A. STATE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND RESOURCE, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND PLANNING POLICY

5-7A-01.

THE STATE'S ECONOMIC GROWTH AND RESOURCE, RESOURCE PROTECTION, AND PLANNING POLICY IS THAT:

- (1) DEVELOPMENT SHALL BE CONCENTRATED IN SUITABLE AREAS;
 - (2) SENSITIVE AREAS SHALL BE PROTECTED;
- (3) IN RURAL AREAS, GROWTH SHALL BE DIRECTED TO EXISTING POPULATION CENTERS AND RESOURCE AREAS SHALL BE PROTECTED;
- (4) STEWARDSHIP OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND THE LAND SHALL BE A UNIVERSAL ETHIC;
- (5) CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES, INCLUDING A REDUCTION IN RESOURCE CONSUMPTION, SHALL BE PRACTICED;
- (6) <u>TO ENCOURAGE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS (1)</u>
 <u>THROUGH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ECONOMIC GROWTH IS SHALL BE</u>
 ENCOURAGED AND REGULATORY MECHANISMS ARE SHALL BE
 STREAMLINED; AND
- (7) FUNDING MECHANISMS ARE SHALL BE ADDRESSED TO ACHIEVE THESE VISIONS THIS POLICY.

5-7A-02.

TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, EACH STATE PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION, AND MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS SHALL IMPLEMENT THE STATE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND RESOURCE POLICY.

(A) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WITH RESPECT TO A STATE PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION, OR MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDED THROUGH STATE OR FEDERAL FUNDS, THE STATE MAY NOT PROVIDE STATE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT IF THE PROJECT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH: