

~~Section 5-903(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2007
Special Session)~~

BY adding to

Article – Natural Resources

Section 5-9C-01 through ~~5-9C-04~~ 5-9C-03 to be under the new subtitle
“Subtitle 9C. Community Parks and Playgrounds Program”

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

Article – Natural Resources

~~5-903.~~

~~(a) (1) Of the funds distributed to Program Open Space under § 13-209 of
the Tax Property Article, up to \$3,000,000 may be transferred by an appropriation in
the State budget, or by an amendment to the State budget under Title 7, Subtitle 2 of
the State Finance and Procurement Article, to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority
Financing Fund established under Title 13, Subtitle 11 of the Financial Institutions
Article to be used for the purposes provided in that subtitle.~~

~~(2) (i) 1. Of the remaining funds not appropriated under
paragraph (1) of this subsection:~~

~~A. One half of the funds shall be used for recreation and
open space purposes by the Department and the Historic St. Mary's City Commission;
and~~

~~B. 20% of the funds or \$21,000,000, whichever is greater,
shall be appropriated to the Forest and Park Service in the Department to operate
State forests and parks.~~

~~2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any
funds the General Assembly appropriates to the State under this subsection shall be
used only for land acquisition projects.~~

~~(ii) At least \$1,500,000 of the State's share of funds available
under subparagraph (i) 1A of this paragraph for this program shall be utilized to make
grants to Baltimore City for projects which meet park purposes. The grants shall be in~~