

(3) THE GOVERNMENTAL PRESERVATION POLICIES FURTHERED BY THE EASEMENT ACQUISITION.

(F) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM.

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THIS SUBTITLE APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

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(A) THERE IS A PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

(1) IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GENERAL PLAN AND THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND ENHANCE AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES IN THE RURAL TIER;

(2) PRESERVE ECOLOGICALLY FRAGILE AND AESTHETICALLY VALUABLE ENVIRONMENTS OF THE COUNTY, INCLUDING STREAMS, STREAM VALLEYS, FLOODPLAINS, WETLANDS, GROUNDWATER, STEEP SLOPES, WOODLANDS, HABITATS, SCENIC VISTAS, AND SCENIC CORRIDORS;

(3) RETAIN AGRICULTURAL LAND AND AUGMENT OTHER LOCAL AND STATE PROGRAMS CERTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODE OF MARYLAND REGULATIONS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF AGRICULTURAL LAND;

(4) RECOGNIZE THE PUBLIC VALUE IN PROTECTING AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL VIEWSHEDS, VISTAS, AND RURAL CULTURE AND CHARACTER AS WELL AS LONGSTANDING AGRICULTURAL ENTERPRISES;

(5) LIMIT NONAGRICULTURAL USES;

(6) CONSERVE AND PROTECT BIODIVERSITY AND WILDLIFE AND AQUATIC HABITATS;

(7) PROMOTE INTEREST IN AND THE STUDY OF AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION; AND