

(1) PROVIDE FOR A PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS;

(2) ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR PRIORITIZING APPLICATIONS FOR EASEMENTS TO PURCHASE;

(3) PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASE OF EASEMENTS;

(4) ALLOW THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT TO PROCURE ANY APPRAISALS NECESSARY FOR VALUATION OF EACH EASEMENT; AND

(5) SPECIFY A METHOD FOR APPRAISING AND VALUING EASEMENTS TO ENCOURAGE LANDOWNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND MAXIMIZE THE ACREAGE FOR EASEMENTS TO BE PURCHASED.

(C) THE REGULATIONS MAY PROVIDE FOR THE ADJUDICATION AND APPEAL OF ANY DISPUTED EASEMENT VALUATION BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL BOARD ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURES PRESCRIBED UNDER § 2-511 OF THE AGRICULTURE ARTICLE.

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

(B) THE BOARD SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

(C) THE BOARD SHALL DEPOSIT IN THE FUND ~~THOSE FUNDS~~ REVENUES FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT TAXES OR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL DISTRICT TAXES AUTHORIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-118 OF THIS ARTICLE TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND ENHANCE AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES AND TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM'S PURPOSES AS SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) (1) THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO PURCHASE EASEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE PURPOSES OF THE PROGRAM.

(2) IN DECIDING WHICH EASEMENTS TO PURCHASE USING THE FUND, THE BOARD SHALL ~~SOLICIT~~ EXERCISE PRUDENCE AND DUE DILIGENCE AND CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT.