

Chapter 28

(Senate Bill 126)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Natural Resources – ~~Maryland~~ Land Preservation and Recreation ~~Plan~~ Plans

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing a minimum~~ altering the time frame ~~frames~~ for preparation and revision of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan and certain local land preservation and recreation plans; requiring consultation with local governments when preparing the Maryland Plan; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to ~~the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan~~ land preservation and recreation plans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Natural Resources
 Section ~~5–905(b)(2)~~ and 5–906(b)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

5–905.

(b) (2) A local governing body shall prepare a local land preservation and recreation plan with acquisition goals based upon the most current population data available from the Department of Planning and submit it to the Department and to the Department of Planning for joint approval according to the criteria and goals set forth in guidelines prepared by the Department and the Department of Planning. A local governing body shall revise its local land preservation and recreation plan at least every [six] 5 years and submit the revised local plan to the Department and to the Department of Planning for joint approval [one] 1 year prior to the revision of the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan. Prior to approval of a revised local plan, the Department shall provide the legislators from the district within which any part of the local jurisdiction is located the opportunity to review and comment on the revised local plan.

5–906.

(b) Every acquisition and development project funded by the State in whole or in part shall meet needs identified in the Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan prepared and revised ~~AT LEAST~~ every ~~6~~ 5 years by the Department in consultation with the Department of Planning **AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**. The document shall identify and recommend for State acquisition efforts those resource areas facing the most intense or immediate development pressure. These resource areas shall be designated as targeted areas. The document and any changes to it shall be distributed to every local governing body.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, April 10, 2012.