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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Greenspace Equity Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Greenspace Equity Program in the Department of  
4 Natural Resources to provide grants to eligible applicants for enhancing the public  
5 health and livability of overburdened communities and underserved communities by  
6 implementing projects to preserve, create, and enhance community greenspace;  
7 ~~requiring the Department to submit each grant award to the Board of Public Works~~  
8 ~~for approval before awarding a grant under the Program; requiring the Board of~~  
9 ~~Public Works to approve or deny a proposed grant award submitted by the~~  
10 ~~Department~~ requiring the Department to submit certain grant applications to the  
11 Maryland State Clearinghouse for Intergovernmental Assistance; establishing that  
12 certain grant applications are subject to approval by the Board of Public Works;  
13 establishing the Greenspace Equity Advisory Board in the Department to serve as a  
14 consultant to the Department in the implementation and administration of the  
15 Program; and generally relating to the Greenspace Equity Program.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
17 Article – Environment  
18 Section 1–701(a)(1), (7), and (8)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – Natural Resources  
2 Section 5–903(a)(1) and (2)(i)  
3 Annotated Code of Maryland  
4 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

5 BY repealing  
6 Article – Natural Resources  
7 Section 5–903(a)(2)(vi)  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Natural Resources  
12 Section 5–903(a)(2)(vi); and 5–9D–01 through ~~5–9D–04~~ 5–9D–05 to be under the new  
13 subtitle “Subtitle 9D. Greenspace Equity Program”  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
17 Article – Real Property  
18 Section 14–501  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Environment**

24 1–701.

25 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (7) “Overburdened community” means any census tract for which three or  
27 more of the following environmental health indicators are above the 75th percentile  
28 statewide:

29 (i) Particulate matter (PM) 2.5;

30 (ii) Ozone;

31 (iii) National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) diesel PM;

32 (iv) NATA cancer risk;

33 (v) NATA respiratory hazard index;

- 1 (vi) Traffic proximity;
- 2 (vii) Lead paint indicator;
- 3 (viii) National Priorities List Superfund site proximity;
- 4 (ix) Risk Management Plan facility proximity;
- 5 (x) Hazardous waste proximity;
- 6 (xi) Wastewater discharge indicator;
- 7 (xii) Proximity to a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO);
- 8 (xiii) Percent of the population lacking broadband coverage;
- 9 (xiv) Asthma emergency room discharges;
- 10 (xv) Myocardial infarction discharges;
- 11 (xvi) Low-birth-weight infants;
- 12 (xvii) Proximity to emitting power plants;
- 13 (xviii) Proximity to a Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) facility;
- 14 (xix) Proximity to a brownfields site;
- 15 (xx) Proximity to mining operations; and
- 16 (xxi) Proximity to a hazardous waste landfill.

17 (8) “Underserved community” means any census tract in which, according  
18 to the most recent U.S. Census Bureau Survey:

- 19 (i) At least 25% of the residents qualify as low-income;
- 20 (ii) At least 50% of the residents identify as nonwhite; or
- 21 (iii) At least 15% of the residents have limited English proficiency.

22 **Article – Natural Resources**

23 5–903.

24 (a) (1) (i) Of the funds distributed to Program Open Space under § 13–209  
25 of the Tax – Property Article, up to \$3,000,000 may be transferred by an appropriation in

1 the State budget, or by an amendment to the State budget under Title 7, Subtitle 2 of the  
 2 State Finance and Procurement Article, to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority  
 3 Financing Fund established under Title 13, Subtitle 11 of the Financial Institutions Article  
 4 to be used for the purposes provided in that subtitle.

5 (ii) Of the amount transferred under subparagraph (i) of this  
 6 paragraph, up to \$300,000 may be distributed to the Maryland Historical Trust within the  
 7 Department of Planning to be awarded as noncapital historic preservation grants.

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

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

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

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

18 [(vi) For each of fiscal years 2010 through 2015, \$1,217,000 of the  
 19 State's share of funds available under subparagraph (i)1A of this paragraph may be  
 20 appropriated in the budgets of the Department, the Department of General Services, and  
 21 the Department of Planning for expenses necessary to administer this Program.]

22 (VI) A PORTION OF THE STATE'S SHARE OF FUNDS AVAILABLE  
 23 UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I)1A OF THIS PARAGRAPH FOR THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE  
 24 TRANSFERRED BY AN APPROPRIATION IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE GREENSPACE  
 25 EQUITY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 9D OF THIS TITLE AS FOLLOWS:

26 1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, UP TO \$5,000,000;

27 2. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, UP TO \$7,000,000; AND

28 3. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR  
 29 THEREAFTER, UP TO \$10,000,000.

30 SUBTITLE 9D. GREENSPACE EQUITY PROGRAM.

31 5-9D-01.

32 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
 33 INDICATED.

1 (B) "BOARD" MEANS THE GREENSPACE EQUITY ADVISORY BOARD.

2 (C) (1) "COMMUNITY GREENSPACE" MEANS A COMMUNITY SPACE THAT  
3 ENHANCES THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND LIVABILITY OF AN OVERBURDENED  
4 COMMUNITY OR AN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY.

5 (2) "COMMUNITY GREENSPACE" INCLUDES:

6 (I) A COMMUNITY GARDEN;

7 (II) A COMMUNITY GATHERING OPEN SPACE AREA;

8 (III) A COMMUNITY WOODLAND;

9 (IV) A GREEN NETWORK;

10 (V) A PARK;

11 (VI) A TRAIL; AND

12 (VII) AN URBAN FARM.

13 (D) "ELIGIBLE APPLICANT" MEANS:

14 (1) A LAND TRUST OR NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION LOCATED  
15 OR WORKING IN AN OVERBURDENED COMMUNITY OR AN UNDERSERVED  
16 COMMUNITY WHERE A PROJECT IS PROPOSED TO BE IMPLEMENTED; OR

17 (2) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY.

18 (E) "GREEN NETWORK" MEANS A SYSTEM OF GREENSPACES THAT ARE  
19 INTERCONNECTED BY LINEAR CORRIDORS THAT FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF  
20 PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE.

21 (F) "LAND ACQUISITION" MEANS:

22 (1) THE FEE SIMPLE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY; OR

23 (2) THE ACQUISITION OF A PERPETUAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT.

24 ~~(F)~~ (G) "LAND TRUST" MEANS AN ORGANIZATION THAT:

1 (1) IS A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION UNDER § 170(H)(3) OF THE  
2 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THAT  
3 SECTION;

4 (2) HAS EXECUTED A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE  
5 MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST; OR

6 (3) IS AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING LAND TRUST AS DEFINED IN §  
7 14-501 OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE.

8 ~~(G)~~ (H) "OVERBURDENED COMMUNITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
9 1-701 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE.

10 ~~(H)~~ (I) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE GREENSPACE EQUITY PROGRAM.

11 ~~(I)~~ (J) (1) "STEWARDSHIP" MEANS ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN ~~TO~~  
12 ~~MAINTAIN THE CONSERVATION VALUES AND PUBLIC USE OF A PROPERTY ON A~~  
13 PROJECT TO:

14 (I) DEVELOP A PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC USE; AND

15 (II) IMPROVE THE CONSERVATION VALUE OF THE PROPERTY.

16 (2) "STEWARDSHIP" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE OPERATING EXPENSES  
17 OF A RECIPIENT OF A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM.

18 ~~(J)~~ (K) "UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
19 1-701 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE.

20 5-9D-02.

21 (A) THERE IS A GREENSPACE EQUITY PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

22 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
23 AND LIVABILITY OF OVERBURDENED COMMUNITIES AND UNDERSERVED  
24 COMMUNITIES BY IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS TO PRESERVE, CREATE, AND ENHANCE  
25 COMMUNITY GREENSPACE.

26 (C) (1) THE PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

27 (2) IN ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

28 (I) DEVELOP A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE PROGRAM;

29 (II) PUBLICIZE THE PROGRAM;

1 (III) PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PROGRAM  
2 APPLICANTS;

3 (IV) AWARD GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS; AND

4 (V) CONSULT WITH THE BOARD.

5 (3) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT  
6 THIS SUBTITLE.

7 (D) A GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE  
8 PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
9 AND THE OVERBURDENED COMMUNITY OR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY IN WHICH  
10 THE PROJECT WILL BE LOCATED.

11 (E) (1) (I) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE DEPARTMENT  
12 SHALL MAKE GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FOR COMMUNITY GREENSPACE  
13 ~~EQUITY~~ PROJECTS LOCATED:

14 1. IN AN OVERBURDENED COMMUNITY;

15 2. IN AN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY; OR

16 3. ON A PROPERTY ~~THAT~~:

17 A. ~~IS OWNED OR MANAGED BY~~ FOR WHICH AN ELIGIBLE  
18 APPLICANT HOLDS A CONSERVATION EASEMENT OR OWNS THE PROPERTY IN FEE  
19 SIMPLE; AND

20 B. ~~IS~~ THAT IS LOCATED IN A CENSUS TRACT THAT IS  
21 ADJACENT TO AND SERVES AN OVERBURDENED COMMUNITY OR AN UNDERSERVED  
22 COMMUNITY.

23 (II) 1. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 2 OF  
24 THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, AT LEAST 50% OF THE GRANTS AWARDED EACH FISCAL YEAR  
25 SHALL BE AWARDED TO PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE LAND ACQUISITION BY LAND  
26 ~~TRUSTS OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,~~ COUNTIES, OR MUNICIPALITIES.

27 2. IF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED FOR  
28 LAND ACQUISITION BY PROGRAM APPLICANTS IS LESS THAN 50% OF THE GRANT  
29 FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR A GIVEN FISCAL YEAR, THE REMAINING GRANT FUNDS MAY  
30 BE AWARDED TO PROJECTS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE LAND ACQUISITION.

1           **(2) GRANTS FOR LAND ACQUISITION UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY**  
 2 **ONLY BE AWARDED TO LAND TRUSTS, COUNTIES, AND MUNICIPALITIES.**

3           **(3) A GRANT RECEIVED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE USED FOR:**

4           **(I) LAND ACQUISITION, APPRAISALS, ENVIRONMENTAL**  
 5 **ASSESSMENTS, SITE CLEARANCE OR DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER DUE DILIGENCE**  
 6 **EXPENSES ~~AND MATERIALS~~ RELATED TO ~~PLANNING AND~~ IMPLEMENTING A**  
 7 **PROJECT, ~~INCLUDING STEWARDSHIP OF THE SITE;~~**

8           **(II) ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM COSTS IN AN AMOUNT**  
 9 **~~NOT MORE THAN 5% OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COST, OR \$20,000, WHICHEVER IS LESS~~**  
 10 **ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION; OR**

11           **(III) STEWARDSHIP ~~OF A PROJECT~~ PROJECTS THAT:**

12                   1. PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A GRANT UNDER THE  
 13 PROGRAM; OR

14                   2. WOULD QUALIFY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM  
 15 BUT EXISTED BEFORE JULY 1, 2025.

16           **~~(3)-(4)~~ (4) A PORTION OF THE GRANT MAY BE USED TO PAY FOR:**

17           **(I) IF THE PROJECT INVOLVES LAND ACQUISITION OR ONLY**  
 18 **PROJECT STEWARDSHIP, ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS NOT TO EXCEED 3% OF THE**  
 19 **GRANT AMOUNT; AND**

20           **(II) IF THE PROJECT INVOLVES LAND ACQUISITION, PROGRAM**  
 21 **COMPLIANCE COSTS FOR MONITORING EASEMENTS IF APPLICABLE.**

22           **(5) IN AWARDING GRANTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE**  
 23 **DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER:**

24           **(I) THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE PROJECT ENGAGES AND IS**  
 25 **SUPPORTED BY RESIDENTS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE**  
 26 **OVERBURDENED COMMUNITY OR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY:**

27                   1. IN WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE LOCATED; OR

28                   2. THAT IS SERVED BY THE PROJECT;

29           **(II) THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL OR IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS**  
 30 **FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT, IF ANY; ~~AND~~**



1 (III) THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE PROJECT:

2 1. DEMONSTRATES PARTNERSHIPS AND  
3 COLLABORATION AMONG LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, LAND TRUSTS,  
4 NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS; AND

5 2. ENHANCES THE PUBLIC HEALTH, LIVABILITY, AND  
6 GREENSPACE IN THE OVERBURDENED COMMUNITY OR UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY:

7 A. IN WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE LOCATED; OR

8 B. THAT IS SERVED BY THE PROJECT; AND

9 (IV) THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.

10 5-9D-03.

11 ~~(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT EACH PROPOSED GRANT~~  
12 ~~AWARD TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR APPROVAL BEFORE AWARDED A~~  
13 ~~GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM.~~

14 ~~(2) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL APPROVE OR DENY A~~  
15 ~~PROPOSED GRANT AWARD SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE~~  
16 ~~PROGRAM.~~

17 ~~(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS~~  
18 ~~UNDER THE PROGRAM TO THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT:~~

19 ~~(I) THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE;~~

20 ~~(II) THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY~~  
21 ~~DEVELOPMENT;~~

22 ~~(III) THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING;~~

23 ~~(IV) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND~~

24 ~~(V) UNLESS THE APPLICANT IS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, THE~~  
25 ~~COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE LOCATED.~~

26 ~~(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH STATE OR LOCAL~~  
27 ~~AGENCIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS NECESSARY IN THE EVALUATION OF~~  
28 ~~COMMENTS RECEIVED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

1        (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE MARYLAND STATE  
2 CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR REVIEW AND  
3 COMMENT ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS THAT WILL BE RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD  
4 OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR AN AWARD UNDER THE PROGRAM.

5        (B) EACH GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO THE MARYLAND STATE  
6 CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE IS SUBJECT TO  
7 APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

8 5-9D-04.

9        (A) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, LAND  
10 ACQUIRED BY A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE PROGRAM MAY NOT BE CONVERTED  
11 FROM OUTDOOR PUBLIC RECREATION OR OPEN SPACE TO ANY OTHER USE WITHOUT  
12 THE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF:

13                (I) THE SECRETARY;

14                (II) THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT; AND

15                (III) THE SECRETARY OF PLANNING.

16        (2) A CONVERSION OF LAND UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
17 SUBSECTION MAY BE APPROVED ONLY AFTER THE GRANT RECIPIENT REPLACES THE  
18 LAND BEING CONVERTED WITH LAND THAT HAS:

19                (I) AN AREA THAT IS AT LEAST EQUIVALENT IN SIZE WITH THE  
20 LAND BEING CONVERTED;

21                (II) A RECREATION OR OPEN SPACE VALUE EQUIVALENT WITH  
22 THAT OF THE LAND BEING CONVERTED; AND

23                (III) AN APPRAISED VALUE EQUIVALENT TO OR GREATER THAN  
24 THAT OF THE LAND BEING CONVERTED.

25        (B) LAND DEVELOPED OR IMPROVED BY A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE  
26 PROGRAM MUST BE OPERATED AND MAINTAINED FOR PUBLIC USE BY THE GRANT  
27 RECIPIENT FOR AT LEAST 15 YEARS FROM THE PROJECT COMPLETION DATE.

28 5-9D-05.

29        (A) THERE IS A GREENSPACE EQUITY ADVISORY BOARD IN THE  
30 DEPARTMENT.

1           **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE BOARD IS TO SERVE AS A CONSULTANT TO THE**  
2 **DEPARTMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM.**

3           **(C) THE BOARD CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

4                 **(1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE**  
5 **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

6                 **(2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE**  
7 **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND**

8                 **(3) THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:**

9                         **(I) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF**  
10 **PARKS AND RECREATION;**

11                        **(II) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT OF**  
12 **PARKS AND RECREATION;**

13                        **(III) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND**  
14 **ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST;**

15                        **(IV) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LAND TRUST WORKING IN AN**  
16 **OVERBURDENED COMMUNITY OR AN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY; AND**

17                        **(V) FIVE REPRESENTATIVES WHO:**

18                                 **1. ARE RESIDENTS OF AN OVERBURDENED COMMUNITY**  
19 **OR AN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY; AND**

20                                 **2. REFLECT THE DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.**

21           **(D) THE BOARD MEMBERS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS**  
22 **SECTION:**

23                         **(1) SHALL SERVE A TERM OF 4 YEARS; AND**

24                         **(2) MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO 4-YEAR TERMS.**

25           **(E) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD.**

26           **(F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE BOARD.**

27           **(G) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSULT WITH THE BOARD IN THE**  
28 **IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING:**

1           **(1) DEVELOPING A GRANT APPLICATION;**

2           **(2) ESTABLISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**  
3 **TO USE THEIR RESPECTIVE NETWORKS AND PUBLICATIONS TO PUBLICIZE AND**  
4 **EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE PROGRAM; AND**

5           **(3) THE REVIEW OF AND COMMENT ON GRANT APPLICATIONS AND**  
6 **COMMENTS RECEIVED UNDER ~~§ 5-9D-03(B)~~ § 5-9D-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

7   **Article - Real Property**

8       14-501.

9           (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

10          (b) "Affordable housing land trust" means an entity that:

11                  (1) Provides affordable housing to low-income families and  
12 moderate-income families through an affordable housing land trust agreement; and

13                  (2) Is organized or managed by:

14                                   (i) A nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(2),  
15 (3), or (4) of the United States Internal Revenue Code; or

16                                   (ii) A unit or instrumentality of the State or a political subdivision  
17 of the State.

18          (c) "Affordable housing land trust agreement" means an agreement between an  
19 affordable housing land trust and a purchaser of real property owned by the affordable  
20 housing land trust, or for which the affordable housing land trust has a proprietary or  
21 reversionary interest, that:

22                  (1) Grants the affordable housing land trust a preemptive right to purchase  
23 or repurchase the property, including any improvements on the property;

24                  (2) Contains language restricting the transfer, lease, sublease, assignment,  
25 or occupancy of the property with regard to:

26                                   (i) Potential transferees, sublessees, assignees, or occupants; and

27                                   (ii) The price at which the property may be transferred; or

1           (3) Imposes other conditions on the use or transfer of the property that  
2 would trigger a reversionary interest and that are designed to ensure that the property  
3 remains available and affordable to low-income families and moderate-income families.

4           (d) “Family” means a household consisting of one or more individuals.

5           (e) “Low-income family” means a household with an income that does not exceed  
6 80% of the area median income for a household of the same size.

7           (f) “Moderate-income family” means a household with an income that does not  
8 exceed 140% of the area median income for a household of the same size.

9           (g) “Nonprofit status” means the recognition by the Internal Revenue Service that  
10 an affordable housing land trust is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(2), (3), or (4) of the  
11 Internal Revenue Code.

12           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
13 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.