

Forests and Parks have been complied with and the applicant has certified on each application that:

1. A program is established to manage and administer an outdoor public recreation or open space program.

2. Funds are available or will be available within twelve months of the date of submission of the application to pay the local share of the project cost.

3. ~~That~~ THE value of the land proposed for acquisition has been established by qualified appraisers and this value of the land has been verified and approved by the Department of Forests and Parks. ]

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(a) *The local governing body shall submit every project request for acquisition and/or development under this program to the Department of Natural Resources for report and evaluation of the benefits to be achieved by the grant. Any municipal corporation may apply by submitting local project applications through its local governing body to the Department of Natural Resources. The Department of Natural Resources shall review the proposed project and shall request the Department of State Planning to review and comment on the project. If the project is approved by the Department of Natural Resources, and falls within the limits imposed by the formula developed by the Apportionment Committee for the allocation of the annual appropriation, the project will be presented, along with reviews from appropriate agencies to the Board of Public Works for commitment of funds. Any program may be revised by the local governing body from time to time and the revised program upon review by the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of State Planning shall be substituted for the original program.*

(b) *Beginning on December 1, 1973, and on December 1 each year thereafter, the participating local governing body shall submit an annual program to the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of State Planning. Upon review, the annual program shall become the basis for total allocations to each of the local governing bodies within the limits imposed by the formula developed for the apportionment of the annual appropriations for Program Open Space. Any municipal corporation may submit AN annual ~~programs~~ PROGRAM through its local governing body. ANY PROGRAM MAY BE REVISED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY FROM TIME TO TIME AND THE REVISED PROGRAM UPON REVIEW BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING SHALL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE ORIGINAL PROGRAM.*

(c) *Except in Baltimore City, at least one-half of a local governing body's annual apportionment shall be used for acquisition projects. No local matching funds will be required for acquisition projects. In those instances in which the local governing body has been unable to obtain Federal funds pursuant to Subsection 357G (e) (5) of this Act, for an approved local acquisition project, the total cost of the project will be defrayed out of the local governing body's annual apportionment of State funds for Open Space. In Baltimore City any portion of the annual apportionment may be used for either acquisition or development.*