

Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1982 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

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

Article - Agriculture

8-701.

(b) "Best management practice" means a conservation or pollution control practice that manages soil loss due to farming practices or manages NUTRIENTS, animal wastes, or agricultural chemicals so as to minimize movement into the surface waters of the State.

(c) "Eligible cost" means a capital expenditure for installing, purchasing, or constructing a best management practice[, including, but not limited to, the cost of pollution control equipment, animal waste facilities, water control structures, diversion facilities, sediment basins or grade stabilization structures, establishing permanent vegetative cover, or a contour, stripcropping, terrace, or conservation tillage system of farming]. It does not include the cost of land or interests in land, or the costs of operating or maintaining best management practices.

8-704.

(a) (1) State cost sharing in any project may be made available for up to 87 1/2 percent of eligible costs, not to exceed \$5,000 in any one project or \$10,000 for best management practices carried out under a pooling agreement.

(2) State cost sharing funds may be made available for any project if:

(i) The Department of Agriculture, the soil conservation district, and a person have executed an agreement which, among other things, obligates the person to establish, construct, or install the best management practice in accordance with technical specifications, to maintain the best management practice for its expected life span [and to so bind any successor in title], and to provide the required matching funds for the project;

(ii) The Board of Public Works has given approval to the project when the proceeds of State bonds are to be used to finance the State share; and

(iii) The soil conservation district has certified to the Department that the project meets all applicable technical standards, and that all submitted invoices properly represent eligible costs.