

[(e)] (F) Nothing in this section shall impede or prevent the dredging of any waterway in a critical area. However, dredging in a critical area is subject to other applicable federal and State laws and regulations.

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(g) Each local jurisdiction shall review its entire program and propose any necessary amendments to its entire program, including local zoning maps, at least every [4] 6 years [beginning with the 4-year anniversary of the date that the program became effective and every 4 years after that date] ~~IN COORDINATION WITH THE REVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AS REQUIRED UNDER ARTICLE 66B, §§ 1.03(B) AND 3.05(B) OF THE CODE.~~ Each local jurisdiction shall send in writing to the Commission, within 60 days after [each 4-year anniversary,] ~~THE COMPLETION OF ITS REVIEW,~~ the following information:

- (1) A statement certifying that the required review has been accomplished;
- (2) Any necessary requests for program amendments, program refinements, or other matters that the local jurisdiction wishes the Commission to consider;
- (3) An updated resource inventory; and
- (4) A statement quantifying acreages within each land classification, the growth allocation used, and the growth allocation remaining.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any variance application for which a petition for judicial review of a decision to grant or deny a variance under a local critical area program was filed before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002.

Approved May 16, 2002.

CHAPTER 433

(House Bill 301)

AN ACT concerning

Atlantic Coastal Bays Protection Act

FOR the purpose of preserving, protecting, and improving the water quality and natural habitats of the Atlantic Coastal Bays and certain tributaries and streams by designating certain lands and waters as critical areas that require especially sensitive consideration with regard to development; making certain legislative findings; renaming the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission to