

HOUSE BILL 494

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By: **Delegates Gilchrist and Stein**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2019

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Land Trust Grant Fund – Grant Awards and Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Environmental Trust to require, as a
4 condition of a certain land trust grant, that the dedication of a certain easement or
5 interest be in favor of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation or
6 the Department of Natural Resources; requiring a certain appropriation from
7 Program Open Space funds to the Land Trust Grant Fund in a certain fiscal year;
8 and generally relating to the Land Trust Grant Fund.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Natural Resources
11 Section 3–2A–08
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume)

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

16 **Article – Natural Resources**

17 3–2A–08.

18 (a) A land trust may, with the approval of the Trust, subsequently sell or transfer
19 the acquired property to a third party.

20 (b) As a condition of the grant, the Trust may require the dedication of a
21 conservation easement on or reversionary interest in the property in favor of the Trust,
22 **THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION, OR THE**
23 **DEPARTMENT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) (1) Grants awarded to land trusts under this subtitle may be fully or
2 partially reimbursed to the Land Trust Grant Fund under the general conditions set forth
3 in paragraph (2) of this subsection, to be further specified by the Trust in the grant
4 conditions.

5 (2) When land or an interest in land is acquired by the land trust with a
6 grant under this subtitle, on resale of the property a proportion of the money from the resale
7 shall be repaid to the Land Trust Grant Fund as may be provided in the grant conditions.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in fiscal year 2021,
9 \$5,000,000 shall be appropriated from Program Open Space funds to the Land Trust Grant
10 Fund established under § 3-2A-02 of the Natural Resources Article.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2019.