



Maryland Chapter

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Dear Sir,

The Management Strategies are generally thoughtful and insightful. What is in question is whether there will be sufficient funding, including that for adequate staffing at the state and local level, and the political will to implement them effectively.

The Management Strategy for Protected Lands calls for the protection of an additional 2 million acres, including 225,000 acres of wetlands and 695,000 acres of forests. However, the Maryland legislature this year transferred dedicated funding from Program Open Space and other resource protection program programs to the General fund.

To be effective, the Management Strategies will need the effective involvement of local governments and non-profit organizations.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

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